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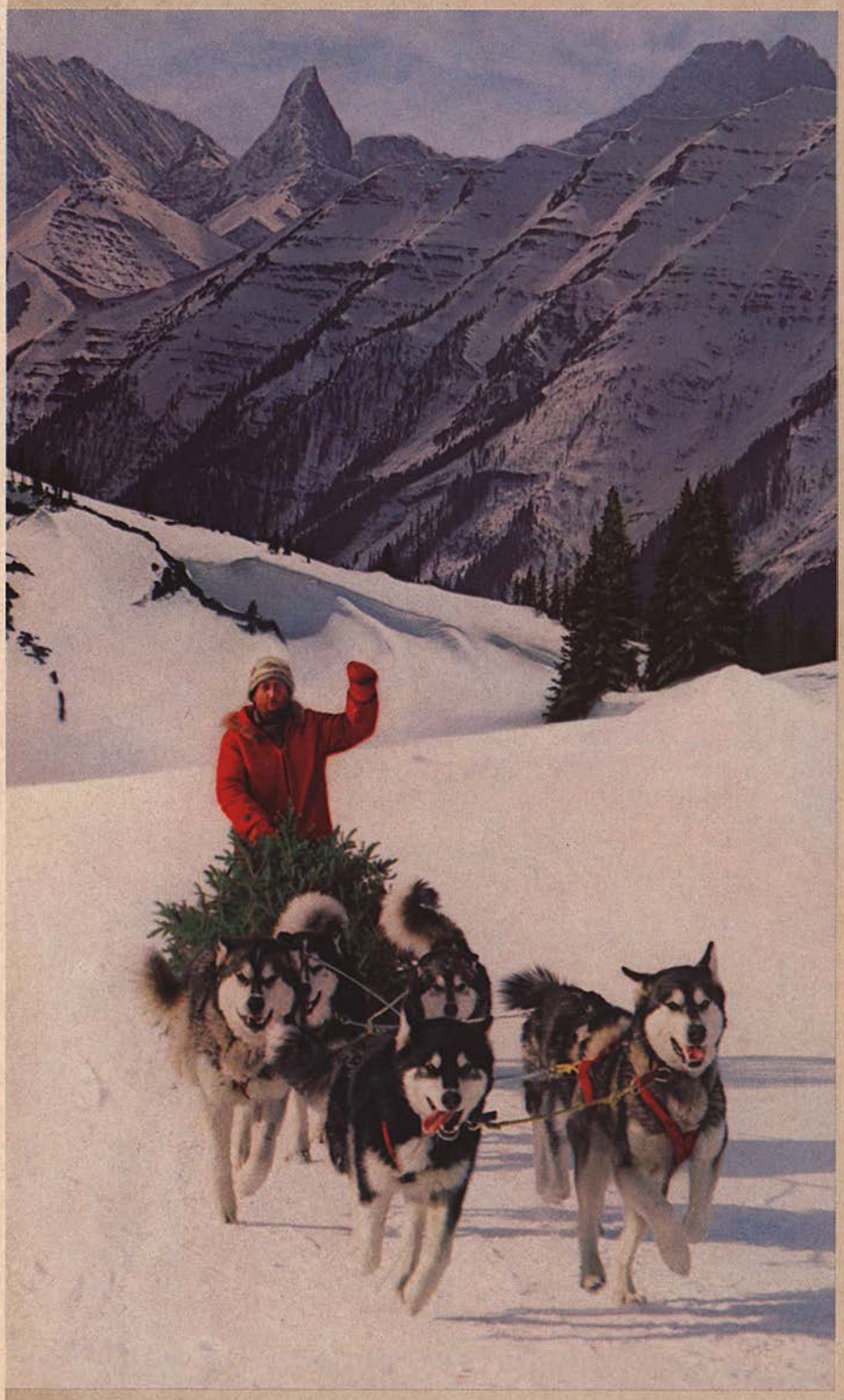

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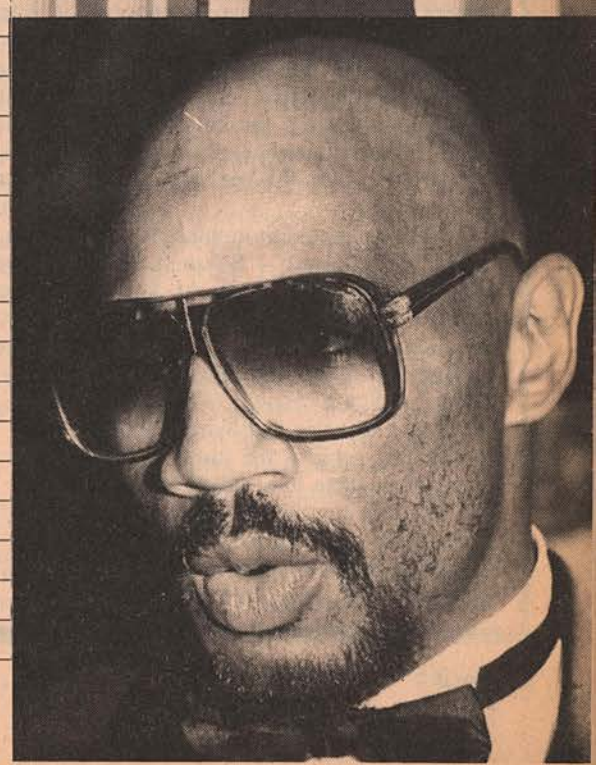

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BOXING IS A POPULAR AND FREQUENT whipping boy. The Sweet Science comes in for far more criticism than any other sport this side of bearbaiting. While it is true that pugilism often deserves the slings and arrows cast in its direction, we should not forget to sing boxing's praises when it is the instrument of good.

In a recently published biography *Champion: Joe Louis, Black Hero In White America*, author Chris Mead puts forth the theory that Joe Louis was paramount in changing white America's opinion of their black brothers and sisters. Although this is hardly a new concept, it never hurts to hammer home the important role boxing has played in positive social change throughout the years. In fact, many of America's early bareknuckle fighters were slaves who eventually earned their freedom through the authority of their fists.

This brings us to this month's feature article by Bert Blewett, "Boxing Leads The Way: An In-Depth Look At The Fight Game In The Land Of Apartheid." The last thing *The Ring* wants to do is become an apologist for the government of the Republic of South Africa. We realize that people are fighting and dying at this very moment to achieve the kind of freedom some of us have long taken for granted. Apartheid is a repugnant policy that does nothing but dehumanize both the victims and the perpetrators. No, the purpose of presenting this article, at this time of great political upheaval in South Africa, is to demonstrate how boxing can be a vehicle for constructive and peaceful change.

We are not so naive as to think that all of South Africa's problems can be solved by following the example set by boxing in that troubled land. What we are suggesting is that our sport, so often maligned for its faults, should, in this case, be praised for its virtues.

THIS ISSUE MARKS MY FIRST ANNIVERsary as Editor-in-Chief of this publication. While this is hardly of earth-shaking consequence to the world at large, it is an important personal milestone for me. The past 12 months have been a great adventure. There have been numerous ups and downs, but, overall, it's been a highly rewarding experience. I'm proud of the product we have been able to bring our customers, but that doesn't mean we're not looking for ways to improve. *The Ring* belongs to its readers, without whom it would cease to exist. Therefore, I welcome any comments, criticisms, or suggestions readers may wish to offer.

Nigel Collins

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# Come Out Writing

## HOLMES UNDER FIRE

LIKE SO MANY OTHER BOXING FANS, try as I might, I just have never been able to warm up to Larry Holmes. The chip on his shoulder, sometimes resembling a whole cord of wood, has simply been too obvious to ignore. His complaints about not being respected, his railing over unfair treatment by the press, his frustration at living in Ali's massive shadow, has become predictable and tiresome. His post-fight bitterness and attack against both the late Rocky Marciano and the latter's family certainly didn't help matters. Compare his sour grapes attitude with Ali's gracious and humble performance after he lost to Leon Spinks. But Ali is Ali and Larry Holmes is Larry Holmes. He now remains in the "Greatest's" shadow both in victory and defeat. Somehow it seems very sad.

BRUCE DETTMAN
Castro Valley, CA

I JUST HEARD OF THE OUTCOME OF the Michael Spinks-Larry Holmes fight. I also saw a tape of the news conference after the fight. Larry Holmes disgraced himself and gave a black eye to the sport that gave him the opportunity to gain fortune. Not since the days of the far from flawless John L. Sullivan has a champion behaved in such a disgraceful manner. No heavyweight title holder has gone out with such a total lack of style or class. Holmes wanted to be remembered as one of the great champions, but instead he'll be remembered as a good fighter who had the least amount of dignity of any man who ever held the heavyweight championship.

MARK FOUNTAIN
Pepperell, Mass.

**Editor's note: Above is just a small sampling of the rash of mail *The Ring* has received condemning Larry Holmes for his comments about the late Rocky Marciano and his family following Larry's title-losing match with Michael Spinks.**

## TIRED OF TRASH

IT IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AND I'm watching another one-sided fight between Tim Witherspoon and a nobody named Sammy Scaff (or something). In a few minutes I'm going to watch Azumah Nelson fight another nobody (Pat Cowdell) on NBC-TV. What the hell is going on here? This is primetime TV. The Friday night fights on the USA cable are mostly mismatches and ESPN isn't much better. Why do we have to watch trash? There are three different groups of champions—the WBC, WBA and IBF. If each champion fought only once a year, there should be more than enough quality fights to show on TV.

PATRICK FEENEY
Gladstone, Ore.

## SOMETHING FISHY IN BELFAST?

THE FOLLOWING ARE MY COMments and accusations concerning the Barry McGuigan-Bernard Taylor WBA featherweight title fight that I have just seen over ABC-TV:

a. Isn't it *funny* that Barry McGuigan's fight with Bernard Taylor marked the second time that one of McGuigan's fights aired over network television was stopped under suspicious circumstances? (The first being the Paul DeVorce fight.)

b. Isn't it funny that Taylor was ahead on the cards of all independent observers when he suddenly stopped boxing rings around McGuigan and quit in his corner between rounds?

c. Isn't it funny that McGuigan looked so inept, awkward, and landed so few of his vaunted power punches, compared with Taylor's fluid movement, snappy jabs and crisp counter-punches? (Although McGuigan did manage to lace, butt, and elbow his opponent).

d. Isn't it funny that McGuigan never seems to fight very far away from the inhospitable, unsportsmanlike (to Barry's opponents), violent fans in Ireland or the United Kingdom?

e. Isn't it funny that ABC-TV actually expects us to believe that a foreign fighter can get a fair shake in a country filled with rabid fanatics that hand out death threats as though they were free samples of chewing gum?

f. Isn't it funny that Chris Schenkel only seemed to be covering McGuigan, and seldom saw fit to mention when Taylor landed a decent punch or a clean combination?

g. Isn't it funny that Schenkel, Ace Miller and Taylor were allotted more time to make lame excuses about Taylor's "no mas" act than the champion was given for victory comments?

h. Isn't it funny that it was, according to Schenkel, "110 degrees, and as hot as hell in the ring" in Belfast, Ireland during the tail end of September?

What's that? You don't find it funny? Well, frankly, neither do I. I think it's a disgrace. Whether McGuigan's fights are "fixed" or not is relatively immaterial. They *appear* to be fixed in his favor. Which is just as bad.

I'm sure that others share my opinion when I say that people will continue to view Barry McGuigan as a tainted fighter until he steps in the ring with a spirited, capable opponent in a neutral environment with impartial judging and under fair and square circumstances.

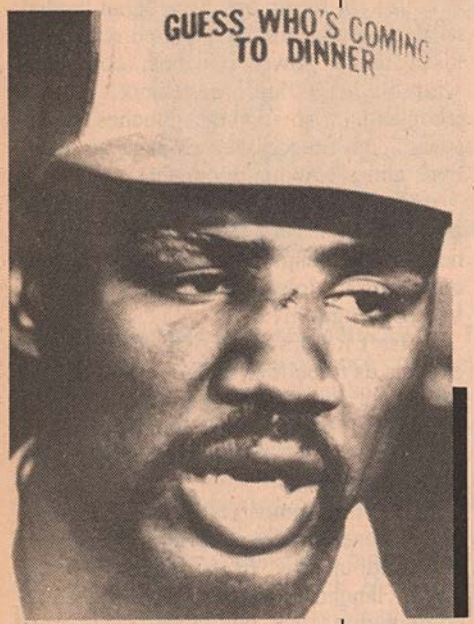
REV. KENNETH K. BURKE
Black Canyon City, AZ

# Round One

by Nigel Collins

## THEM OLD POST-PONEMENT BLUES

Back in the old days, when Marvin Hagler used to commute between Brockton and Philadelphia to hook up with the toughest studs in the division, he probably would have fought with his back broken and his nose torn off. But times have changed, and so has Hagler. He doesn't have to fight guys like Bennie Briscoe, Cyclone Hart, and Boogaloo Watts for chump change anymore. He's had seven straight million dollar paydays and is considered by many to be the finest fighter currently in the ring. He'd be stupid to fight John (The Beast) Mugabi, or anyone else for that matter, in anything less than perfect physical condition. But that doesn't help soften the blow the postponement delivered to the boxing industry in general.

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*Marvelous Marvin Hagler shows off the busted beak that forced the postponement of his match with John (The Beast) Mugabi. Top Rank has re-scheduled the bout for March 10th.*

The Hagler-Mugabi/Thomas Hearns-James Shuler double-header was going to be boxing's next showcase fight, a semi-sequel to the highly successful Hagler-Hearns classic last April. But the November 14th bill at Caesars wasn't to be.

Around the middle of October, Hagler hurt his back and asked for a two-week postponement. This was impossible because of the logistics involved in a major closed-circuit promotion such as this. Arenas and theaters have to be booked months in advance, and any postponement would have to be a long one. Following a short break in training, Hagler was examined by a dcotor and given the greenlight. He reluctantly resumed workouts, saying that although he would be ready for Mugabi, he still wished there could have been a postponement. The vibes were not encouraging.

If you hang around boxing long enough, you develop a sixth sense about these things, and *The Ring* quickly developed contingency plans for the January issue. Then, on October 31st, sparring partner Zack Hewitt accidentally butted Hagler during a workout at the champion's training camp in Palm Springs, California. He caught Marvin between the eyes, breaking his nose and opening a cut on the bridge. A few hours later, the fight was called off.

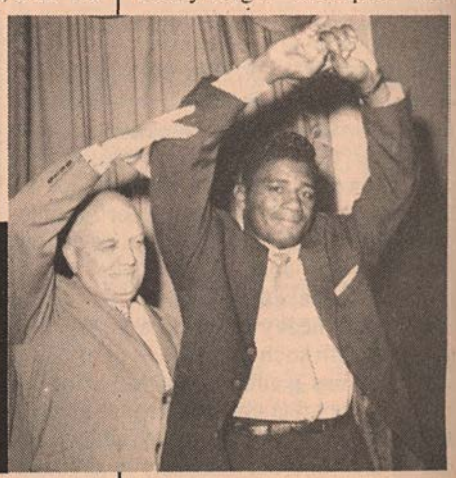
There followed a day or so of maneuvering in an effort to save the Hearns-Shuler fight. Teddy Brenner suggested a Hearns-Mugabi match instead; but in the end, it was decided to postpone the entire card. Without Hagler, it most likely would have gone belly-up at the closed-circuit outlets.

Bob Arum wants to reschedule the whole package for early March. But as we know, there are no sure things in boxing. The uncertainty of the situation was emphasized by conflicting reports about the condition of Hagler's back. It was first diagnosed as a sprain, quickly upgraded to a ruptured disc, then, after the fight was called off, reduced to a sprain again. Whatever the case may be, one can't help wonder if this is the beginning of Hagler's disintegration as a fighter. A solemn thought to be sure, but even the "Marvelous One" is not immune to the ravages of time and the brutal toll his body has paid in the course of 65 professional fights.

## BOXING MOURNS THE DEATH OF CUS D'AMATO

Cus D'Amato was one of the Good Guys. His death on November 4th, at the age of 77, was a great loss, not only to the world of boxing, but to humanity at large. Cus was a brilliant man who probably would have been a big success in whatever field he entered. Lovers of the Sweet Science can only be grateful that he chose boxing. Cus was a maveric in the days when boxing was controlled by a rather unsavory element of society. He steadfastly refused to buckle under to the monopolistic International Boxing Club, eventually taking Floyd Patterson to the heavyweight title unfettered of promotional obligations to Jim Norris and his henchmen.

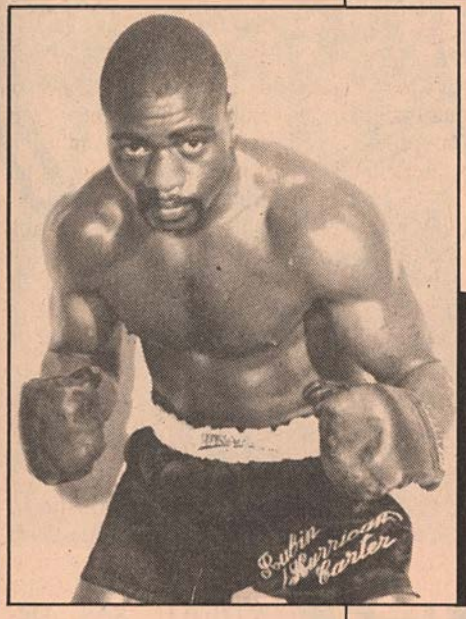
Patterson was not the only fighter D'Amato guided to a world title. He also developed Jose Torres, the former light heavyweight champion and



*The late Cus D'Amato with Floyd Patterson in 1960. Cus' death at the age of 77 came after a lengthy bout with pneumonia. D'Amato also guided Jose Torres to the light heavyweight championship.*

# Round One

current chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. Cus was completely dedicated to his fighters, carefully handpicking their opponents, and never letting them enter the ring unless he was sure they would win. Although Cus had been semi-retired for a number of years, he recently returned to the forefront as adviser to heavyweight knockout artist Mike Tyson. Cus was Tyson's legal guardian, taking Mike out of a juvenile correction facility and under his wing. This was typical of Cus, who molded men, not just fighters. His death marks the passing of one of the few boxing people who were also great men in the larger sense of the term. To say he will be missed is an understatement.



*Former middleweight contender Rubin (Hurricane) Carter as he looked in his prime. Carter was recently freed after nearly 20 years in prison when a federal judge ruled that his conviction in a 1966 triple slaying was tainted by appeals to racial prejudice.*

## ROSIN DUST

The 'Macho Man'' is at it again. The WBC lightweight champion recently escaped death when his red Ferrari burst into flames after a chain collision on the East River Drive in New York. He was on his way to a party held to celibrate Hector's latest career move. He has signed a recording contract with Dietrich. His first record will be a song about immigrants who come to New York in search of a better life. It's called ''I'm Not a Visitor.'' Let's hope Camacho sings better than he drives . . . Former light heavyweight contender ''Irish'' Bobby Cassidy is facing up to seven years in the slammer following his conviction on 12 counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument . . . Also in trouble with the law is California lightweight Tony (The Tiger) Baltazar, who has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in a car accident that resulted in the death of a two-year-old child . . . Former heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry is now flogging satellite dishes in Huntington Beach, California. The name of Jerry's new company is SatVision . . . Muhammad Ali has a new fan club called ''Ali's Allies.'' Part of the money collected in dues will be used to help feed starving children throughout the world . . . Lee Samuels, Top Rank's man in Atlantic City, informs us that the Top Rank/ESPN Harold Brazier-Joey Ruiz main event broadcast live from Merrillville, Ind., broke a two-year Nielsen rating record for them. The fight averaged a 3.5, hitting 4.4 as the give-and-take battle swung into the stretch . . . Lou Duva hotly denied reports that he was knocked cold by WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble . . . ''Are you crazy?'' said Captain Lou. ''It would be the last punch he ever threw. And besides, I could always take a punch.'' . . . English promoter Frank Warren, upset by the unruly behavior of some of his patrons, is threatening to call out the dogs . . . ''I'll take whatever steps I believe are necessary to keep boxing a sport where the fans don't have to help keep control.'' . . . Charlie Fusari, ''The Fighting Milkman,'' died recently at the age of 62. He was a popular welterweight contender during the 1940s and early 50s, losing to Sugar Ray Robinson on points in his only title bout. Fusari compiled a record of 65-12-1 (38 knockouts) in a 12-year professional career. . . .

*Almost forgotten in the shuffle is middleweight James Shuler, pictured here doing his "Rocky" imitation in front of the Philadelphia art museum. Shuler was scheduled to fight Thomas Hearns on the Hagler-Mugabi bill.*

## PUNCHLINES

Thomas Hearns' manager, Emanuel Steward, giving his opinion on the postponement of the Hagler-Mugabi fight: ''I think he (Hagler) just wanted out of the fight. Once a guy gets his first taste of fortune, he doesn't want to work much anymore.

WBC heavyweight champion Pinklon Thomas, commenting on all the talk about a Michael Spinks-Gerry Cooney match; ''What about me? I want to make some money, too.''

Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, reflecting on the character of the late Cus D'Amato: ''I think he (D'Amato) was a man of high integrity, high moral integrity. Therefore, in this business, he was perceived as an eccentric.'' □

# OLYMPIC UPDATE:

## A PRO REPORT CARD ON THE HEROES OF THE '84 Games

by Steve Waldman

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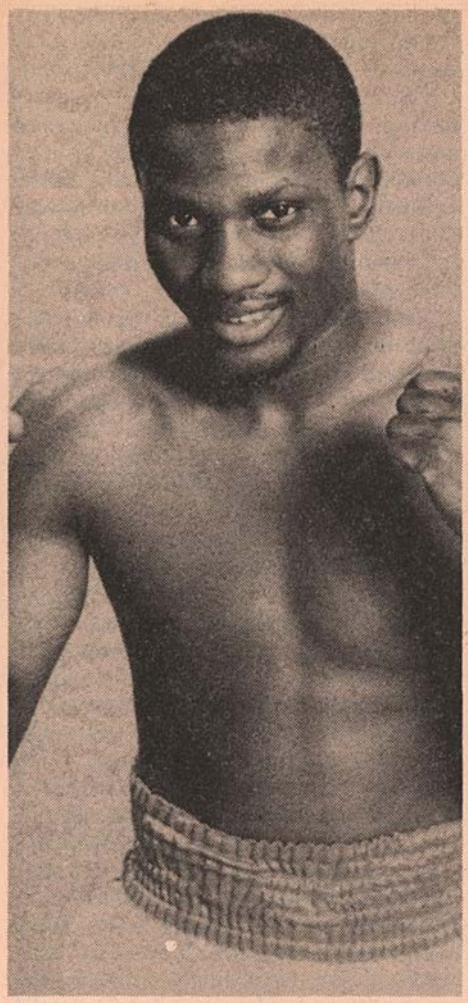
IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THE COMPETITION ENDED AT THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS. LET'S CALL THAT span a "semester" and issue some grades for those medalists who have since entered the professional ranks. Twelve Americans have been considered, as well as some of the more notable foreign gladiators.

The letter grades are based on ability, quality of opposition, progress in lieu of advance billing, and acceptance by the fans. The 1984 Games have already produced one pro champion and more are probably on the way. While the latest Olympic crop have not made as spectacular an impact on the boxing industry as their counterparts from the 1976 Montreal Games, they are all still in the embryonic stage and it will take at least another year before their true value can be gauged. In the meantime, *The Ring* presents the following analysis of their progress to date.



## PERNELL WHITAKER

SO FAR, LIGHTWEIGHT, GOLD medalist Pernell (Sweet Pea) Whitaker heads the class of '84 Olympic grads. The Norfolk, Virginia native has ripped through some pretty rugged opponents, hardly losing a round while building a 7-0, four knockout, record. Among his victims are Danny Avery (KO4), Nick Parker (W6), and John Sinegal (KO2). Sweet Pea looked especially dazzling against Sinegal when he thrilled a hometown crowd and ABC-TV's nation-wide audience with a spectacular display of two-handed punching.

Handled by Shelly Finkel and Lou Duva, Pernell is rapidly mastering every facet of the sport. He's slick, quick, and punches sharply with both hands. His debilitating work to the body belies his relatively limited pro experience.

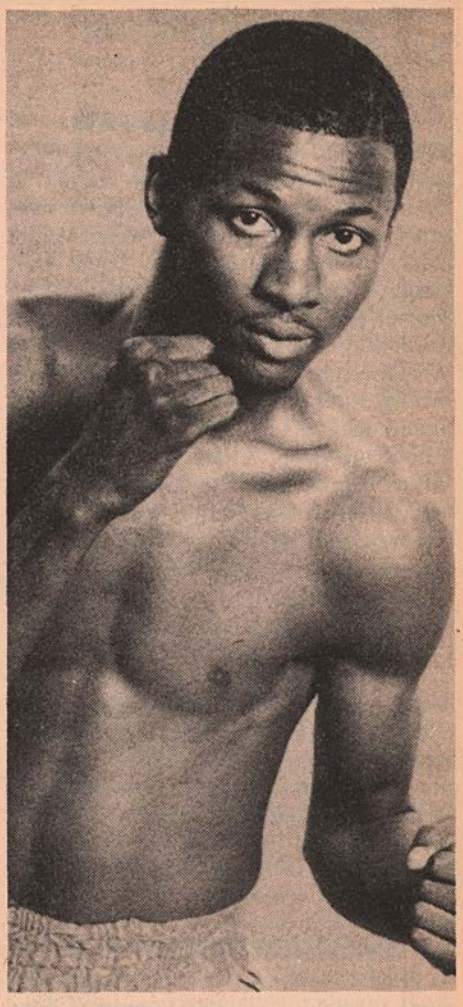
Whitaker is already among the top 15 lightweights in the world and appears ready to tackle all but the very best in the division. And it won't be too long before he's ready for them, too. **GRADE: A**

## JEFF FENECH

AUSTRALIA' JEFF FENECH IS MORE "Phi Beta Kappa" material. He won the IBF bantamweight title just 196 days after turning pro—a record for a modern day fighter. Jeff only took home a bronze from Los Angeles, but he never let his razor-close loss to Redzep Redzepowski get him down.

After running up a 7-0 record, Fenech captured the IBF belt from Satoshi Shingaki in the ninth round of their title match. He has since repeated the trick, stopping Shingaki six rounds earlier in an August rematch. Non-title wins over John Matienza (KO6) and John Farrell (KO9) have brought Jeff's overall record to 10-0, all knockouts.

An excellent puncher, Fenech draws SRO crowds in Australia and has become a TV attraction Down Under. There is talk of a defense against unbeaten American Jerome Coffee, a safety-first stylist who could sorely test Fenech's stamina and patience. Jeff is still devloping and could very well be the staple of Australian boxing for years to come. **GRADE: A**



## MARK BRELAND

THOSE SKEPTICAL OF MARK BRELand's profession promise, once a common breed, are quickly fading into extinction. He has streaked to a 7-0 record, beating some decent adversaries along the way. Although Mark has only stopped four of his victims, they have been his last four—indicating growing power.

Even before Mark won the Olympic gold, he was the subject of a tremendous amount of attention from the media. There were those who felt he would be the next Sugar Ray Leonard in terms of mass appeal. So far, it hasn't worked out that way. The fans seem to expect too much too soon. Breland has heard his share of boos since entering the pro ranks, expecially when he fails to knock out his opponent. While this is unfair in a sporting sense, one has to remember that boxing is a form of entertainment and the general public expects their heroes to live up to their billing. Breland is a fine fighter and a good bet to win a world championship before he's through. But so far, he's fallen

a tad short of being the superman the fans expected. **GRADE: A-**

## SHAWN O'SULLIVAN

VIRTUALLY HIDDEN FROM VIEW, EXcept to the throngs flocking to see him in his native Canada, Shawn O'Sullivan has been quietly climbing the welterweight ladder without facing the usual soft touches. Under the management of Mike Trainer and the occasional guidence of Sugar Ray Leonard, Shawn, the '85 light middleweight silver medalist, has been making solid progress. Currently 6-0 with three knockouts, he has already defeated fellow prospects Alphonso Long (W8), Dexter Smith (S8), and Mark Lassein (KO2)—all winners in their own right.

The key to Shawn's success is his aggression and two-fisted punching. On the negative side is the fact that he doesn't slip too many punches and is frequently plagued with facial cuts.

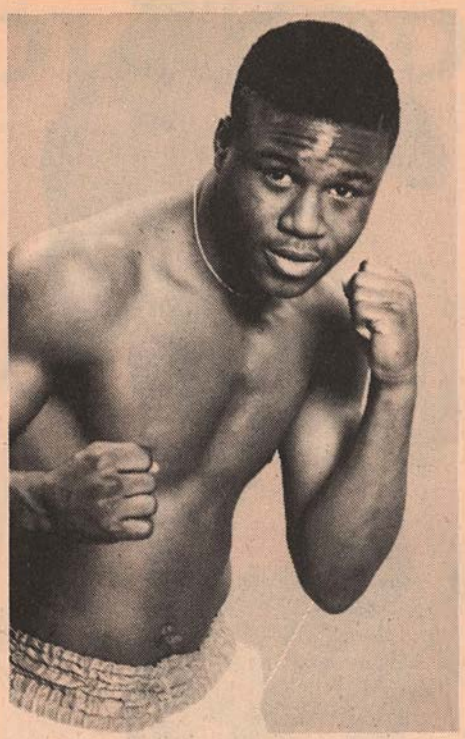
During the next year, O'Sullivan should move into view of the American public and possibly earn a ranking. Now that both Donald Curry and Milton McCrory are moving up to the junior middleweight class, Shawn and his crowd-pleasing style could be right in the thick of things. **GRADE: B+**

## EVANDER HOLYFIELD

ALTHOUGH HIS GRIM RING DEMEANOR alone could frighten most light heavyweights or cruisers into submission, Evander Holyfield also possesses the skills to be a legitimate threat to either title. He is, as he so often reminds us, the "Real Deal."

Since having a sure gold swiped from him at the Los Angeles Games, the Atlanta native has reeled off six pro victories, three by knockout. Some skeptics question Evander's punching power, but there aren't too many 175-pounders tougher to stop than Lionel Byarm, Eric Winbush and Tryone Booze—all losers to Holyfield via decision. Just ask talented Mark Rivera, victim of a crushing second-round kayo, how hard Evander hits.

There are, however, some valid criticisms that can be made. While he has shown defensive skills in the past, the Olympic bronze medalist occasionally abandons his upper body movement and catches a few more punches than a fighter of his talents should. He also needs to pick up the pace of his attack and toss more combinations—especially when he has an opponent hurt. **GRADE: B+**



## MELDRICK TAYLOR

OUT OF THE FIGHTING CITY OF PHILA-comes Meldrick Taylor, possibly the most exciting in terms of style of all the '84 medalists. Although he won a gold as a featherweight, Taylor is now fighting as a full-fledged 135-pounder. While he is perceived by some as being a shade behind stablemate Whitaker, Meldrick has fought tougher opposition. Taylor has already defeated the likes of Roberto Medina and Dwight Pratchett, the current NABF junior lightweight champion.

Meldrick has averaged over a 100 punches per round while building a 8-0, four knockout, record. He loves to mix it up on the inside, but can also be very effective at long range when he chooses. His hands are among the fastest in boxing, and so far the only detectable flaw has been his penchant for taking too many blows as he wades into his opponent.

Providing he keeps winning, Meldrick could develop into a top TV attraction with his come-to-rumble style of combat. **GRADE: B+**

## PAUL GONAZLEZ

IT TOOK A WHILE, BUT LIGHT FLYweight gold medalist and Val Barker Cup winner Paul Gonzalez finally made his pro debut in August of '84. An injury to his right hand, suffered during the Olympics, necessitated surgery and forced a year-long lay-off. But when Paul finally took the plunge, he did so in a spectacular manner outpointing seasoned Jose (Pulga) Torres in front of a hometown crowd in Los Angeles.

Gonzalez gave a beautiful display of boxing, landing his mended right often and with force. He also exhibited his mercural hand and foot speed, giving Torres (a 40-fight veteran) a thorough thrashing. Only "Pulga's" experience and fighting heart kept him on his feet until the end of their scheduled six-rounder.

Paul, still handled by Al Stankie, the policeman who rescued Gonzalez from the streets of L.A., is a great personality and a great story. He has the appeal and ability to become a miniature Sugar Ray Leonard. Only his inactivity prevented him from getting a higher mark. **GRADE: B+**

## MAURIZIO STECCA

BANTAMWEIGHT GOLD MEDALIST Maurizio Stecca of Italy boxed masterfully at the '84 games, but unfortunately, with television's emphasis on the United States team, American viewers didn't get to see too much of him. They have seen even less since he turned pro in Europe. But it probably won't be too long before Maurizio is back on the tube. So far, he has fashioned an excellent 10-0, five knockout, record in Italian rings. He often appears on the same card with his older brother, Loris, the former WBA junior featherweight champion.

Stecca is a classy boxer with a decent punch. His chin has yet to be tested as a pro and an upgrading of opposition is warranted. He is now boxing at 126 pounds, and European fans are already dreaming of a future match between Maurizio and either Barry McGuigan or Azumah Nelson. **GRADE: B**

## FRANK TATE

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT GOLD MEDAL-Frank Tate could become the first jewel in the crown of the Texas-based HBA stable of Josephine Abercrombie. Currently 8-0 (six knockouts) and competing as a full-fledged middleweight, Tate is already resembling a top twenty contender. Frank looks like he can do a bit of everything. He has power, mobility, stamina, and an adequate defense. His war with O'Sullivan in the Olympic finals left no questions about his heart.

Likeable and a good interviewee, Frank also has the potential to be a favorite with the fans. When Marvin Hagler finally moves over, Tate could very well figure prominently in the 160-pound title picture. So far, only the quality of his opponents

have kept him from receiving a higher grade. **GRADE: B**

## TYRELL BIGGS

THIS 6-FOOT-FIVE PHILADELPHIAN HAS already defeated his biggest enemy—drugs—and is currently silencing critics and raising eyebrows with his new style of fighting. When Tyrell won the super heavyweight gold in Los Angeles, he was basically a gifted runner with a nice left jab. But trainers Lou Duva and George Benton have been teaching Biggs how to get more leverage behind his punches without losing any of his welterweight-like quickness. The result has been a "new and improved" Biggs, one who now stands his ground and trades. This makes Tyrell a much more entertaining fighter to watch. What it will do for his overall career remains to be seen. He is currently 5-0 with four knockouts.

Biggs has proved he can bounce back from personal adversity and that he is willing to try new methods to improve his game. But the jury is still out and he will have to start fighting better opposition before we really know how far he can go. **GRADE: B**

## VICTOR CLAUDIO

HERE'S THE SLEEPER OF THE GROUP. A loser to Israel Cole in the first round of the '84 games, Puerto Rican middleweight Victor Claudio is making some serious noise as a professional. An exciting slugger, Victor has compiled a 9-0, five knockout, record. Many of his bouts have been seen over the ESPN cable.

Victor can punch well with both hands and his defense is improving. He was forced to get off the deck before icing limited Randy Jenkins, so his chin has to be considered suspect. In his best effort to date, Claudio stopped previously undefeated Charlie Boston. Now living in Woodside, New York, Victor has been a pleasant surprise for one who received so little attention as an amateur. **GRADE: B**

## HENRY TILLMAN

SINCE UPSETTING CANADIAN WILLIE DeWit for the gold in the heavyweight (201 pounds) class, Henry Tillman has streaked to seven straight wins (five knockouts) as a pro. His fighting weight has hovered around the 200 pound mark, so his best chances seem to be among the cruiserweights.

Tillman has shown marvelous speed and decent power (against cruisers and small heavies), but his ability to take a punch has to be questioned. Uriah Grant, who was eventually stopped in the second round, had Henry down in the Olympian's pro debut. Tillman was also kayoed by DeWit in an earlier amateur bout, and knockout artist Mike Tyson floored him in a losing effort. **GRADE: C+**

## VIRGIL HILL

IF VIRGIL HILL HAD ONLY FOUGHT THE first two rounds against Joon-Sup Shin of Korea the way he fought the third, he probably would have collected a gold medal and the commensurately lucrative purses that usually go with it. But as things turned out, Shin won and Hill was relegated to relative obscurity.

Hill is now 4-0, two knockouts, as a professional light heavyweight. Although he's not much of a puncher, Virgil was progressing well when he suffered extensive ligament damage in the gym and was forced to the sidelines. If surgery is needed, don't expect him back in action for at least six months. **GRADE: C+**

## STEVE McCRORY

FLYWEIGHT GOLD MEDALIST STEVE McCrory has already had to endure a draw, a knockdown, and a number of so-so outings in his nine bout (8-0-1, with two kayoes) pro career. Boxing for Emanuel Steward's Kronk boxing team, the younger brother of WBC welterweight king Milton has been struggling of late. He labored to outpoint Luigi Camputaro and was knocked down and clearly hurt in the closing moments of his winning fight with Karry Allen. The way it looks so far, Steve, while highly skilled, just doesn't have the strength to compete with bantamweights. Nevertheless, he remains unbeaten and still might pick up additional strength as he matures. **GRADE: C+**

## FRANCESCO DAMIANI

MANY THOUGHT FRANCESCO DAMIAni deserved the nod in his super-heavyweight gold medal match with Tyrell Biggs. While Biggs got the call, the 220-pound Italian brawler showed the style to win both fights and fans as a professional. The undefeated Damiani has scored six knockouts in seven pro starts, splitting his ring time between Italy and the United States. Francesco is a free swinger who both gives and receives in liberal doses. With any ability at all, he should be able to make a fortune. But until the calibre of his opposition improves, many observers remain skeptical. **GRADE: C**

## ROBERT SHANNON

A FAVORITE TO TAKE THE BANTAMweight Gold in L.A., two-time Olympian Robert Shannon exited the games early. After building a lead, Robert was stopped by Kim of Korea and was out of the running practically before he got started. As a pro featherweight he has built a 7-0 record, with four knockouts, but has not always looked impressive in so doing. He was decked in the sixth and final round of a close fight with Ralph Gutierrez, but the referee ruled that it was a slip and Shannon managed to hang onto his unbeaten log by a majority decision.

There are a lot of heavy hitters roaming the featherweight ranks, and, with a porous defense and a week chin, Shannon is probably headed for trouble when he steps up in class. **GRADE: C**

## WILLIE DeWIT

MAYBE LOSING THE OLYMPIC GOLD TO Tillman took some of the fire out of Willie DeWit. The Canadian cruiserweight, now fighting out of Texas, has yet to sizzle while logging a 7-0-1 (six kayoes) pro record. In fact, he nearly fizzled against fellow countryman Alex Williamson on the Hagler-Hearns undercard in Las Vegas. Williamson floored Willie with a right to the head in the opening round, but DeWit showed heart in getting up to earn a draw.

DeWit is too predictable, always plodding forward behind jabs and hooks to the body. He is neither quick or elusive, and his chin always seems readily accessible. Recently, he hasn't even shown the one-punch knockout power that rendered so many world class amateurs senseless.

On the plus side, Willie is very strong, works the body with vengeance, and could still catch on with the fans providing he continues to win. **GRADE: C**

## JERRY PAGE

WITH A FIRST ROUND KNOCKOUT over hapless Jim Vozar the only entry on his pro log, 139-pound gold medalist Jerry Page remains very much a mystery. Granted, his Olympic wars with Korean Sang-Hil Kim and Thailand's Dhawee Umponmaha were captivating. But both decisions were highly debatable. Jerry is working with Angelo Dundee, and that's usually a plus; but until they adopt an active schedule, the question marks will remain. Jerry's predilection for ring warfare doesn't bode for longevity, but he's certainly fun to root for. **GRADE: C−** □

# THE CHICAGO STORY

## Success Of Collins-Landini Bout Raises New Hope For Windy City Boxing

by Nigel Collins

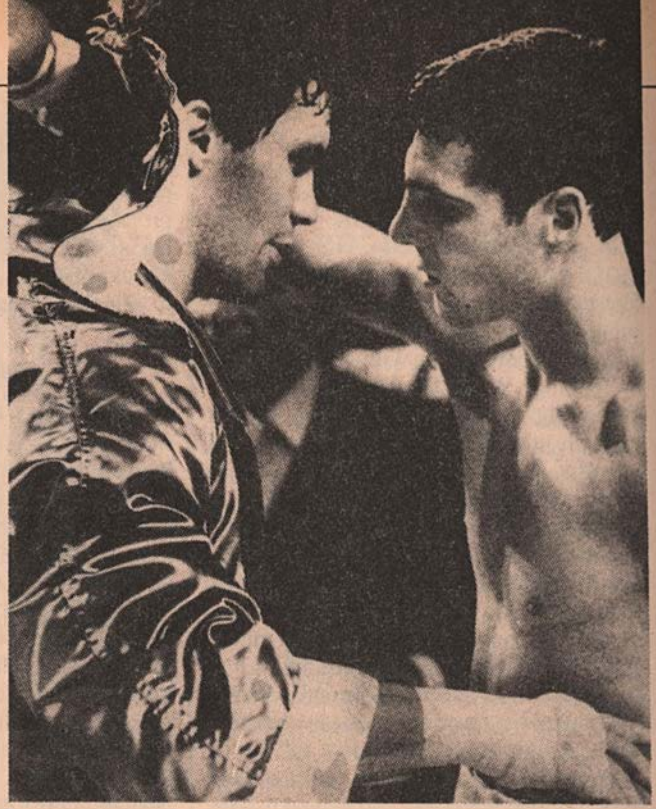


PHOTO BY LINDA HECHT/THE DAILY CALUMET

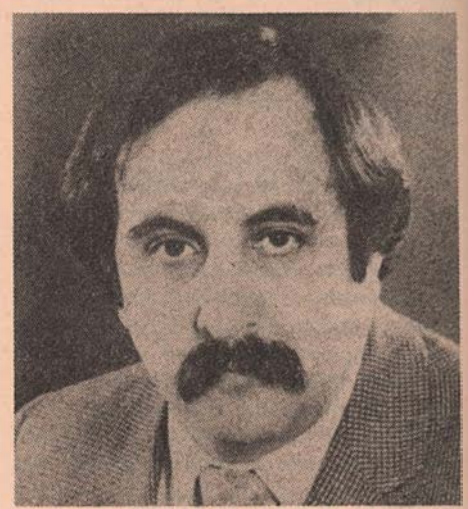
*John Collins (left) commiserates with Mike Landini shortly after knocking out his former sparring partner in the fifth round of their all-Chicago showdown.*

CHICAGO, IL.—PEOPLE EXPRESS Flight 166 from Newark touched down in a remote area of O'Hara International Airport and they bussed us in from the bullpen in one of those weird wide-bodied jobs that look like they've been distorted by a fun house mirror.

Despite a gray drizzle, the temperature was mild, the mood bright. We were in town for the John Collins-Mike Landini fight, a match of considerable local appeal, but of little significance in the overall scheme of things. The assignment was not so much to cover the fight, but to assess the latest resurgence of the Chicago fight scene.

Almost three years ago, Chicago boxing seemed on the verge of a major comeback when Collins beat local rival Lenny LaPaglia before a packed house on national television. But although boxing has remained a part of the city's sporting scene, it never really took off the way some people expected following the Collins-LaPaglia success.

Since his victory over crosstown rival LaPaglia, Collins has fought half of his bouts on the road. Among his rare home stands, only the bruising 10-round draw with Alex Ramos could be considered a major fight. In the meantime, several local promoters have trugged on, staging club shows at venues such as the Americana Congress Hotel (an old, downtown edifice that served as Collins-Landini fight headquarters) and the DiVinci Manor, a quaint, 1,000-seat banquet hall in the predominantly Italian Melrose Park section. By and large, boxing has been a steady, rather than a spectacular, occurrence. However, the Collins-Landini showdown generated enough interest among Chicago fans that co-promoters Cedric Kushner and Ernie Terrell were obliged to rent the University of Illinois Pavillion to accommodate their patrons.



*Chicago promoter Cedric Kushner*

In order to understand Chicago boxing, it helps to understand a little about the makeup of the city itself. Chicago is a city of great neighborhood and ethnic pride. There's nothing quite like a boxing match between a couple of locals—preferably one of Italian extraction, the other Irish—to transform that pride into box office dollars. Consequently, both the Collins-LaPaglia and Collins-Landini fights were huge successes. The big question for Chicago boxing is whether that success can now be transferred to other matches—without such obvious local implications.

One of those who thinks Chicago boxing might be finally ready to break into the bigtime again is Kushner. A South African who has been living and working in the United States for several years, Kushner and his black walrus mustache are probably best known to boxing buffs because of his former association with fellow countryman Gerrie Coetzee. But in Chicago, he's been the man, along with former WBA heavyweight champion Terrell, most responsible for keeping boxing alive. We caught up with Cedric the morning of the fight and shared a cab to the weigh-in.

Cedric teamed up with arch-rival Terrell to promote the Collins-Landini match. It was a marriage of necessity. Kushner owns the promotional rights to Collins, while Ernie has Landini. It wasn't too long ago that Terrell had claimed Kushner was conspiring to sabotage his shows. Their partnership was reminiscent, on a much smaller scale, of the Don King-Bob Arum coalition that brought us the first Roberto Duran-Sugar Ray Leonard fight. But the fact that a boxing power struggle even existed in Chicago was, in a way, a sign of health. There was enough money involved to be worth fighting about.

As we rode, Cedric explained why he believes Chicago boxing is experiencing a genuine revival this time, instead of another temporary boom like the one it enjoyed at the time of the Collins-LaPaglia contest. He feels that Collins' recent knockout victory over Mark Holmes on

national TV for the USBA middleweight championship has firmly established him as a drawing card in the minds of the Chicago sporting fans. Kushner's, and therefore Chicago's, hand is also strengthened by the return to action of another of Cedric's stars—Lee Roy Murphy, the IBF cruiserweight champion.

Terrell and Kushner are not the only faces on the suddenly crowded promotional scene. Over in Rosemont, Chris Lanas is building up his son Jeff (a promising 154-pounder with gate appeal) at the DiVinci Manor. Also anxious to get his finger in the pie is wrestling promoter Bob Luce. Luce, aptly nicknamed "Mr. Hype," hopes to utilize the marketing expertise that worked so well for him in wrestling to lure boxing fans to The Odeum in nearby Villa Park. Luce will be using Jeff Lanas and Ala Hamza UFO, a talented but temperamental welterweight who usually makes for entertaining fights.

Although the Chicago press normally gives boxing short shrift, they got behind the Collins-Lapaglia showdown, filling columns of type with the sort of hyperbole associated with so-called "big" fights.

"I've never wanted to beat a guy so bad. I plan to be "The Terminator" against Collins," bragged Landini, a Calumet City cop when he's not swapping punches.

"I thought Mikey and I were good good friends. But he's been sayin' a lot of things, and I never say anything about him. I hate it when people talk about me 'cause I never say anything about them," countered the normally taciturn Collins in a rare burst of verbiage. "But I'm gonna let my hands do the talking, and he's gonna get hurt."

Kushner and Terrell were unable to sell the match to national TV. NBC was interested, but with only a limited number of time slots open, they opted to air the Azumah Nelson-Pat Cowdell WBC featherweight title bout instead. Although a local cable outfit was on hand to tape the proceedings for delayed broadcast, the promotion's fortunes rested entirely on the live gate. Kushner told *The Ring* that they needed $120,000 to cover all expenses. There were a number of weeks of worry and doubt, but by the morning of the fight, Kushner was confident that the Chicago fans would respond in mass. And respond they did, 6,602 strong, to the tune of $181,797—the largest gross for a non-title bout in Illinois in the past 30 years.

The fight turned out to be a real Chicago "happening." Local sporting pesonalities from Harry Carey (voice of the Chicago Cubs) to baseball's legendary Bill Veeck were introduced from ringside along with Tony Zale, who fought the second in his great series of brawls with Rocky Graziano in Chicago in 1947. The fanfare was poured on in generous helpings. A mighty cheer went up when Landini was ushered into the ring to the sound of Bruce Springsteen's "Born In The USA," but when Collins made his entrance, the crowd really went bananas.

Collins' popularity is somewhat surprising in a day when personality, as much as punch, can help push a fighter to the top. John often stares blankly off into space when being interviewed, answering most questions with one or two words. He would never be compared with, say, Ray Mancini as a media-oriented fighter. Nor is he a macho destroyer, a la Roberto Duran. No, Collins' appeal lies strictly in his down home humility and ability to waste opponents with a couple of swings from his power-laden right hand.

The Collins-Landini fight itself really wasn't much of a fight at all. In terms of excitement, it never even came close to the Collins and LaPaglia thriller. Landini, whose nickname is "Choir Boy," fought like one. His instinct for survival was by far the most conspicuous aspect of his fight plan. He ran and clinched, and then ran and clinched some more—a feeble left jab his only offensive contribution. Collins, for his part, stalked and cast angry looks in the direction of his reluctant adversary. If it weren't for the constant roar of the crowd, things would have been downright dull.

Matters continued in this manner until mid-way into the fifth when Collins, two pounds heavier at 161, finally tagged Landini with the only really telling blow of the fight. As Landini retreated towards a neutral corner, John connected with a heavy right to the chin. Landini was obviously hurt and quickly dipped to the floor after Collins followed up with a hook to the body. By this time John seemed to have worked himself into a frenzy, and he cut loose with another right as a dazed Landini knelt on one knee.

"I was so psyched up, I didn't realize what I was doing," admitted Collins. "I tried to pull back my punch. But I may have grazed his head."

Referee Nate Morgan eventually restored order and Landini staggered to his feet.

Collins rushed in for the kill, and although he never really landed another solid punch, Landini was soon on the canvas again. This appeared to anger Collins, who stood chewing on his mouthpiece, muttering, "get up, get up" as Morgan gave Landini another mandatory eight-count.

By then, Collins seemed almost totally out of control. He bullied Landini into the ropes, picked him up and threw him to the boards. Morgan helped Landini to his feet and waved the almost rabid Collins back to the attack. A few more glancing blows put Landini down for the third time and Morgan stopped the fight 2:47 into the round.

After the fight Collins claimed he would have put Landini away earlier, but failed to follow trainer Carmen Graziano's instructions to work the body.

"I was supposed to go for the body from the start," explained Collins. "But I was too mad about things he'd said in the papers, so I went headhunting."

As it turned out, one good head shot was more than enough to get the job done. Ringsiders heard Landini's jaw pop when Collins nailed him with that first right, and it was later confirmed that Mike's jaw had been broken. It is Collins' punch, more than anything else, that makes him a viable contender for the middleweight crown. His 34-1-1 record includes 31 knockouts, most of them a result of John's potent right.

"Collins showed tonight that he is ready to face any of the top five middleweights in the world," said Kushner.

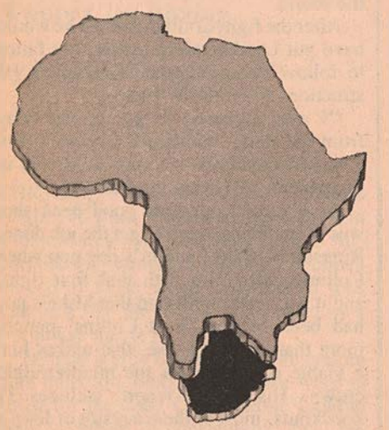
Perhaps more important than Collins' relatively easy win was the victory for local boxing.

"The success of the card is simply great for Chicago boxing," said Nick Kerasiotis, executive director for the Illinois Athletic Board. "I'm happy for everybody concerned. Boxing is really alive and well in Chicago again."

Kushner agrees with Kerasiotis' optimistic assessment, saying he felt that Chicago's general sporting public were waking up to the fact that they had some pretty decent fighters in their town.

"To me, the most positive and exciting thing about the fight is that we did about half of the business through the computer ticket outlets," explained Cedric. "That means there were many John Does that became interested (in the fight) through the news media. For the Collins-LaPaglia fight, practically all the tickets were sold through the fighters and their camps."

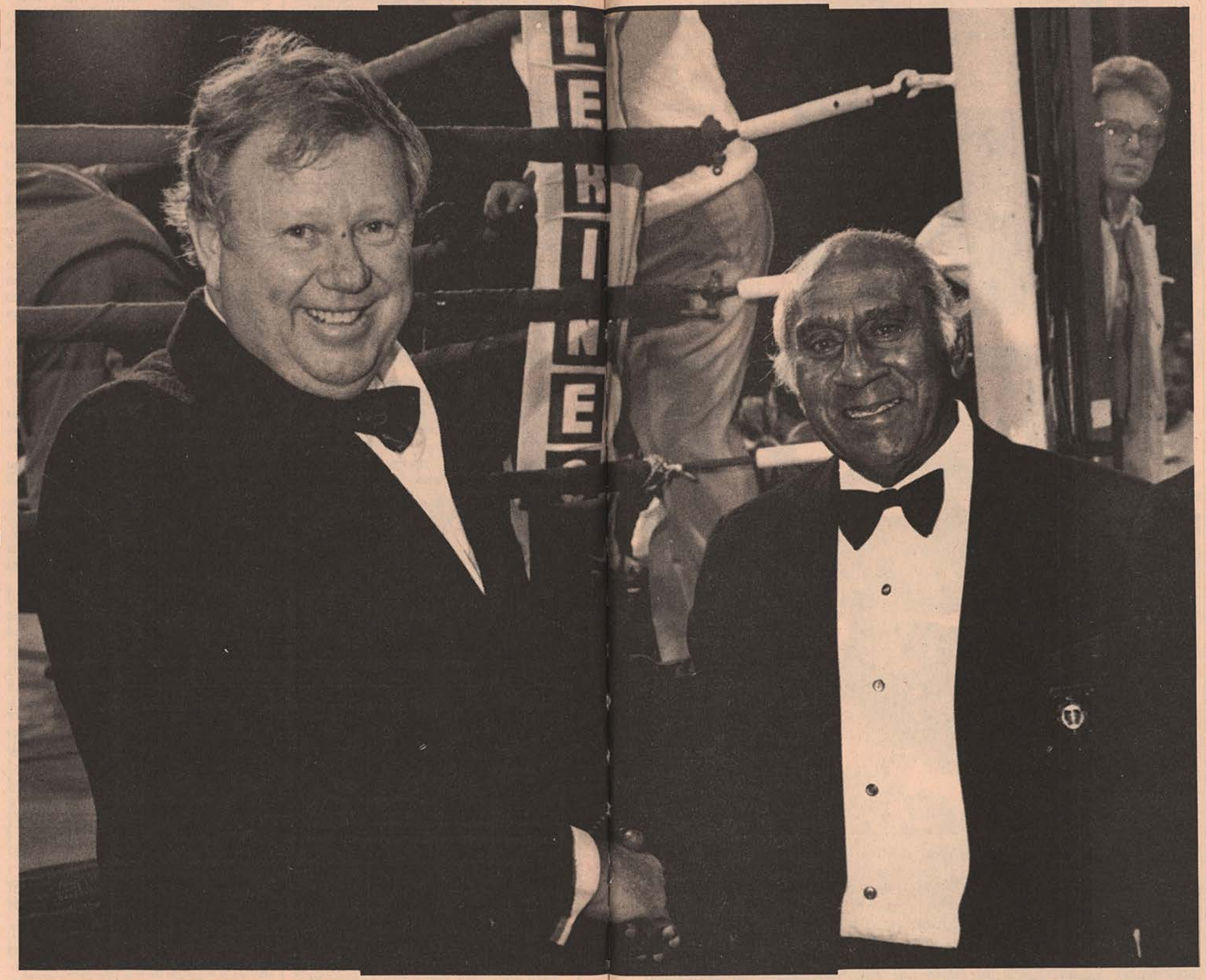
But even if Kushner and Kerasiotis are wrong, and it still takes a neighborhood rivalry to turn on Chicago, we will probably be winging our way back there in another year or so anyway. The youthful Jeff Lanis is only a few pounds lighter than Collins and, before too long, Chicago won't be big enough for both of them. □



# BOXING LEADS THE WAY

## An In-Depth Look At The Fight Game In The Land Of Apartheid

**by Bert Blewett**



*Mike Mortimer, chairman of the Natal Boxing Board of Control, welcomes fellow Board member Dr. Leonard Christopher to ringside.*

*The WBC have banned Dwight Muhammad Qawi for two years for fighting in South Africa* - News item.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ISOlated in one way or another. But that isolation, which at first was mainly geographical and which is now largely political, has done little to dissuade many of the world's leading boxing personalities from visiting the republic and sharing in the development of the sport on the subcontinent.

Just how vital a role the overseas connection has played in the growth and popularity of the fight game in the republic is underlined by the fact that the ''father'' of South African boxing was a diminutive Scot named James Robertson Couper, the son of a parson who came to South Africa via India, New Zealand and America in 1881.

Even so, South Africans have to admit that the great moral crusade against *apartheid* presently sweeping the world is proving a problem - not only for the South African Government - but for the sport of boxing.

And yet the irony is that the backlash has come at a time when professional boxing in South Africa is completely integrated from top to bottom. If there are still any racial hang-ups in boxing in Johannesburg, Durban, or Cape Town, they are the same racial hang-ups you will find in New York, London, or Las Vegas.

In fact, its fair to say that professional boxing in South Africa is now more fully integrated than in Britain, Australia or New Zealand. You will find few black officials in those three countries, but in South Africa today they abound.

Even to the casual eye, it is obvious there are now as many black referees, judges, timekeepers and boxing commissioners in the country as white - a real achievement considering the process of change at this level began less than six years ago. But numbers alone have never been the criteria for change. From the moment the government gave the "green light" to integrate the sport, the Boxing Boards of Control decided to make their appointments strictly on merit.

It wasn't easy, as they had to start virtually from scratch, and by no means were all those appointed a success, especially in the early days of what was euphemistically called "multi-national" boxing. Critics were quick to call some of the changes cosmetic and to dismiss others as mere window-dressing. But a start had to be made somewhere and six years later such criticism is no longer justified. Many excellent black boxing officials and administrators are now a part of the sport.

Typical of the new breed is Alfred Boqwana, a Transvaal referee and judge who has handled several international fights and is improving with experience. Boqwana was a boxer himself back in the Sixties, and as a medical technologist is well equipped to play the role of third man in the ring. He admits his medical background has made it easier for him to make decisions regarding injuries and a battered boxer's physical condition.

Brown Mogotsi has been a timekeeper since 1961 and was in charge of the WBA junior middleweight title fight between Davey Moore and Charlie Weir in Johannesburg in 1982. He calculates he has timed approximately 45,000 rounds of boxing and claims he has never been criticised or been guilty of mistiming a round.

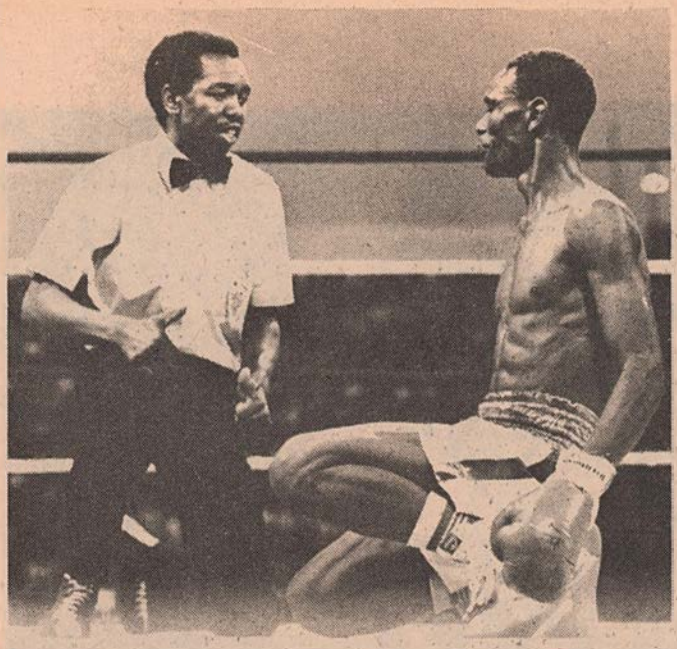
As an administrator, Dr. Joe Jivhuho has become a real asset to the Transvaal Boxing Board of Control. But like many other South Africans—white, black and brown—Dr. Jivhuho got to the top the hard way. As a youth he recalls tramping among the hills barefoot searching for plants from which to make medicine. Later he became a tea boy. And it was by candle-light that he studied for his degrees. But you will find no bitterness in this man.

"Confrontation won't get anyone anywhere," he says. "We all got to stand together, all race groups, black and white, and build South Africa as a fitting example to the outside world."

More history was made early in 1985 when Dr. D.V. Mapisa, a former schools inspector, became the first black man to be appointed chairman of a provincial boxing board.

"I'm not sure if I'm entirely happy," Mapisa said when he received confirmation of his appointment to the Border Boxing Board of Control. "I'm looking forward to the task, but people must not expect miracles overnight. I plan to walk before I run because I know there are people just waiting for me to fall on my face."

Mind you, the real power in South African boxing is still in white hands. Mr. Justice H.W.O. Klopper, chairman of the South African Boxing Board of Control, is a past acting president of the WBA; Mike Mortimer, the Natal chairman, is the WBA vice-president for Africa; and Stan Christodoulou, executive director of the South African Boxing Board of Con-



*Referee Alfred Buqwana counts out Phanuel Mosoane in the second round of his fight with Brian Mitchell in Johannesburg.*

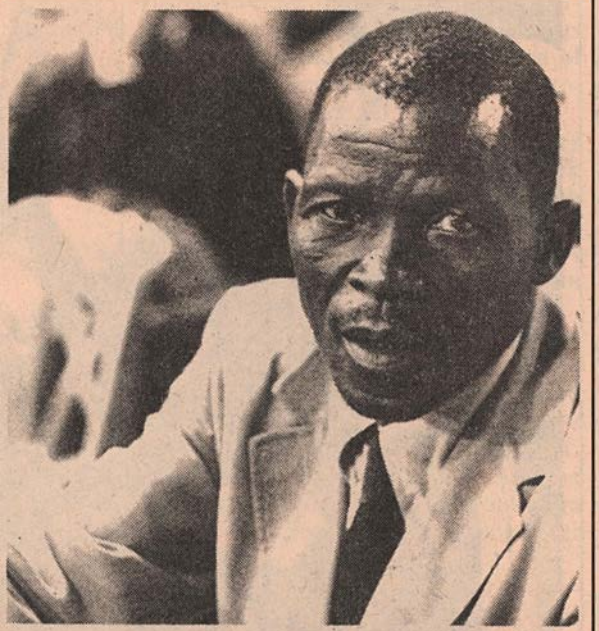
*Dr. Joe Jivhuho, South Africa's own "Fight Doctor", examines Harold Volbrecht before his fight with Tyrone Rackley in Johannesburg.*

trol, is a top WBA official and a member of the ratings committee.

It was Justice Klopper who persuaded a nervous South African Cabinet to grant permission for the world light heavyweight title fight between Bob Foster and Pierre Fourie in Johannesburg in 1973, and it was the judge who six years later announced the abolition of all racial restrictions in South African boxing at a function hosted by *S.A. Boxing World* magazine.

Mortimer made his mark by entrenching South Africa's membership in the WBA, which has become the country's lifeline for international competition, while Christodoulou is a roving ambassador for the sport.

It seems silly now but there were real fears in government before the Foster-Fourie fight that a mixed boxing match would trigger riots in the townships and disorder in the cities.



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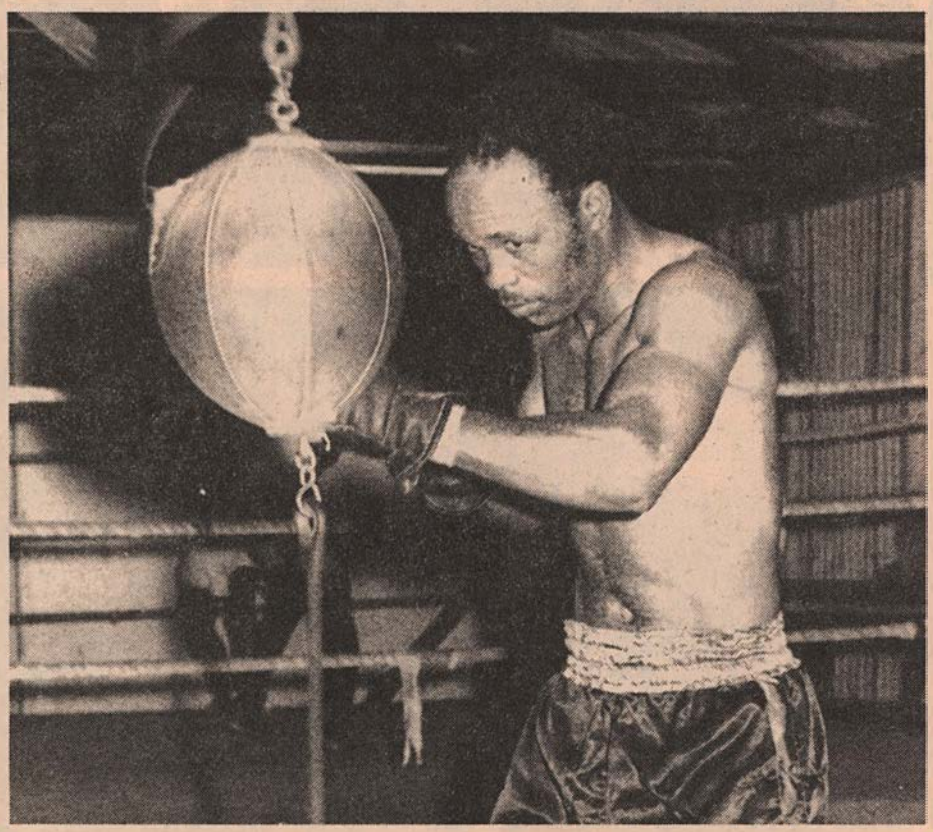


***Tap Tap Makhatini working out in his Stanger gym. Makhatini was South Africa's first true national champion.***

And yet the Foster-Fourie fight was by no means the first racially mixed fight to take place in South Africa. Before boxing was legalized by an Act of Parliament in 1923, there were many such contests and nobody blinked an eye. The Boxing Act, which had to be amended by the South African Government to permit the Foster-Fourie fight, has therefore been both a blessing and a curse for the sport.

But to put this into perspective, it's worth remembering that when the British Boxing Board of Control was established in 1929 non-whites were forbidden to box for British titles - a rule that stood for 20 years - and that racially mixed matches in the American south only became commonplace after the second World War.

Even so, as boxing historian Chris Greyvenstein disclosed in his superb book *The Fighters*, the first South African to challenge for a world boxing title was a colored man, Joe Brown, who boxed under the name of Young Pluto.

Pluto, who emigrated to Australia after he began his boxing career in South Africa (he was born in Port Elizabeth), fought George Dixon for the world featherweight title in New York in 1899 - a full 51 years before Vic Toweel beat Manuel Ortiz for the world bantamweight title in Johannesburg - and was knocked out in the tenth round.

Of course, the first black South African to win a "world" title was Peter Mathebula, who beat Tae Shik Kim for the WBA flyweight title in Los Angeles in 1981. Terror, as he was nicknamed, became a national hero overnight and was worshipped by both black and white. Unfortunately he evidently dined too well at too many banquets and lost his title in his first defense in Soweto three months later.

Black boxing really only became a force to be reckoned with in South Africa after the second World War and apparently reached its apex in the Fifties and Sixties when it was still strictly segregated. When the racial barriers came tumbling down in 1979 it was generally thought black boxers would soon dominate the sport and trigger a boxing boom with their hitherto largely untapped talent.

But for some inexplicable reason this hasn't happened. Although several blacks have been given the opportunity to challenge for WBA titles, it is still only a handful of white boxers who have kept the game alive.

Joe Gumede, the doyen of South Afri-

can promoters, has some novel ideas on the subject. Gumede, who first promoted boxing in 1948, believes the higher standard of living enjoyed by South African blacks is the cause of the problem.

"Today's young men in the townships are far better educated than the men of 20 and 30 years ago," he says. "They have far better schooling opportunities. And with their higher education standards, they find attractive jobs awaiting them, all offering good salaries.

"There isn't the incentive today to buckle down to the grind of training and fight for a living, even with the inflated purses we are paying."

With the exception of Mathebula's meteoric rise and fall, the last black boxer to capture public imagination in South Africa was Tap Tap Makhatini. But Tap Tap, who became South Africa's first true national champion when he knocked out Jan Kies for the middleweight title in 1976, was a product of the segregated era of boxing.

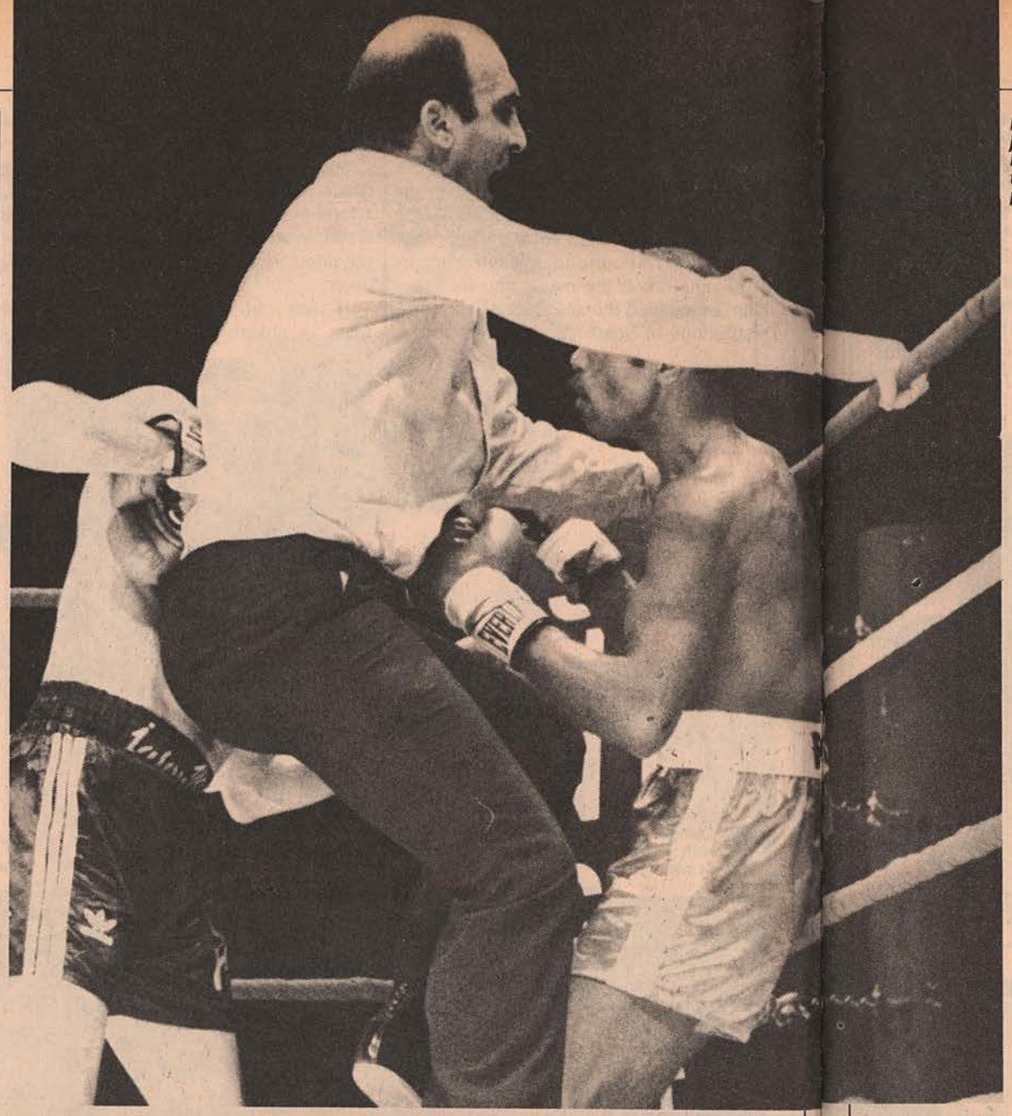
Tap Tap's knockout of Kies left the Zulu boxer walking ten feet tall. "I like this mixed boxing," he told me afterwards. "It will give everyone a chance and boxing will be better for it."

Bob Arum was among those who believed Makhatini had the ability to beat many of the best middleweights in the world, especially after he had knocked out Charlie Weir and Gary Guiden. But sadly, time was already running out and when Makhatini travelled to Monte Carlo in 1979 to take on Alfredo Cabral, he was stopped in one round after a disppointing performance.

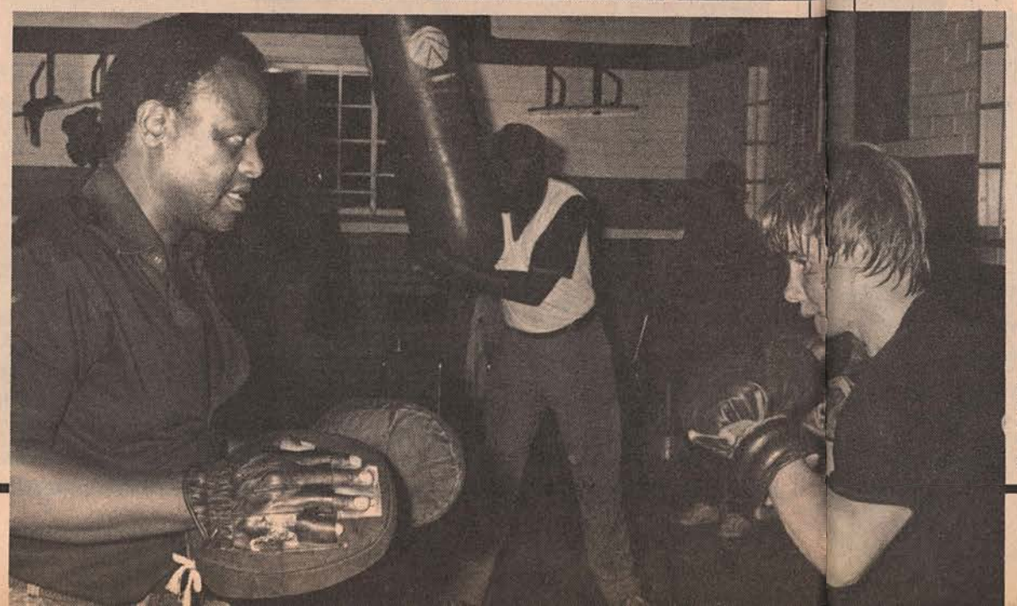
It was largely because of Tap Tap's modesty and his popularity among all race groups that South Africa's first mixed boxing tournament featuring local whites against local blacks went off without a hitch at the Rand Stadium in Johannesburg in November, 1976.

As I recall, there were only a few minor incidents. Most of the black spectators booed Gerrie Coetzee when he knocked out James Mathatho to win the heavyweight title, while some fool of a white man rushed up to the ring shouting "White power!" as Mathatho collapsed on the canvas. But silly things like that were to be expected in the early days of mixed boxing. After all, it takes time for attitudes to change.

Today, boxing in South Africa is essentially a black sport. Of approximately 700 licensed professionals in 1984, only ten percent were white. In some areas of the country—notably the Free State, Ciskei and Border—the sport is almost entirely black. In fact, of 800 boxers licensed by the Border Boxing Board of Control since its establishment in 1965, only four have been white.



*Referee Stan Christodoulou jumps between Brian Baronet and Domingo Ayala to save Ayala from further punishment at Sun City.*



*Sy Khumalo, one of South Africa's leading black trainers, works out with Martin Botes in his Soweto gym.*

It follows that there are more black promoters, black managers and black trainers in South Africa than white, and with few exceptions, blacks invariably find it easier to get sponsorship and television coverage than their white counterparts. But most of the major tournaments are still promoted by whites because of the financial muscle required to put together big international fights.

Even so, that didn't stop the late Stanley Vokwana from becoming the first black man to promote a world title fight in South Africa when he matched Happyboy Mgxaji against Sam Serrano for the WBA junior lightweight title in Cape Town in 1979.

But although about 6,000 spectators turned up for the fight, nothing seemed to go right for Vokwana and he took a bad financial beating. Television rights were never sold. Negotiations with the SABC for radio coverage broke down. And the thousands of Happyboy fans who were expected to arrive from East London never came.

The successful integration of professional boxing in South Africa has done much to influence other sports. Petty issues such as separate seating for whites and blacks were resolved years ago and today everything is shared, including training facilities, boxing venues and expertise. Of course, it goes without saying that in black areas the support is mostly black, while in white areas it is predominantely white.

South African boxing fans learnt a long time ago to ignore skin pigmentation and to color their champions "great." All the fears of the fifties have seemingly been replaced by the faith of the eighties.

Amateur boxing has moved much slower towards full integration, but mixed bouts at championship level are commonplace. Now the aim is to stage racially-mixed inter-club tournaments. Trouble is, the amateurs have been given little incentive to change, having been barred from the Olympic Games and other international competition since the sixties.

What has proved perplexing among the professionals is the sudden reluctance of black boxers from America to come to South Africa for fights. At a time when more black participation is welcome, American blacks have decided to stage a boycott of their own. There are no more racial barriers to break down in South African boxing. Boycotts are negative and if the sport is to prosper in the republic it badly needs the international connection.

With so few fighters perpared to come to South Africa for political reasons, local promoters have been forced to scrape the bottom of the barrel - only to discover they are being held for ransom.

"It makes life extremely difficult," says Rodney Berman, matchmaker for Square Ring-Golden Gloves, the biggest promoters in the country. "We know who we'd like to bring out, but they won't always come."

Those who do, like Dwight Muhammad Qawi, are often surprised by the warmth of their welcome and the sporting manner in which they are treated, both in the ring and out. But ignorance and political pressure have kept others away. Ubaldo Sacco, for example, was recently forced by the Argentine government to withdraw from his WBA junior welterweight title defense against Brian Baronet at Sun City.

Exactly what the boxers hoped to achieve by their gesture is hard to say, except to deny South African fight fans the privilege of watching them in action.

In a recent editorial, *S.A. Boxing World* magazine posed the question: Do black boxers get fewer big breaks than their white counterparts?

"In theory, all boxers get the same opportunity to make it to the top. In practice, only a handful get the *real* breaks. And, yes, white boxers do invariably get more chances to grab the big brass ring than the others," the magazine admitted.

"Not only in South Africa, but in Britain, the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand as well.

"There is nothing sinister about this practice, nor is it another insidious form of racism. It is merely a product of the marketplace. And as any good merchandising manager will tell you, if you wish to stay in business, always give the customer what he wants.

"Moreover, there are so few white fighters in boxing today they have almost become an endangered species. And as everyone knows, scarcity has a habit of creating inflated values and unreasonable demands."

In few other countries in the world today would this subject be debated with such candour. So perhaps there is hope for South Africa, after all. □

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# WRITING THE LAST ACT

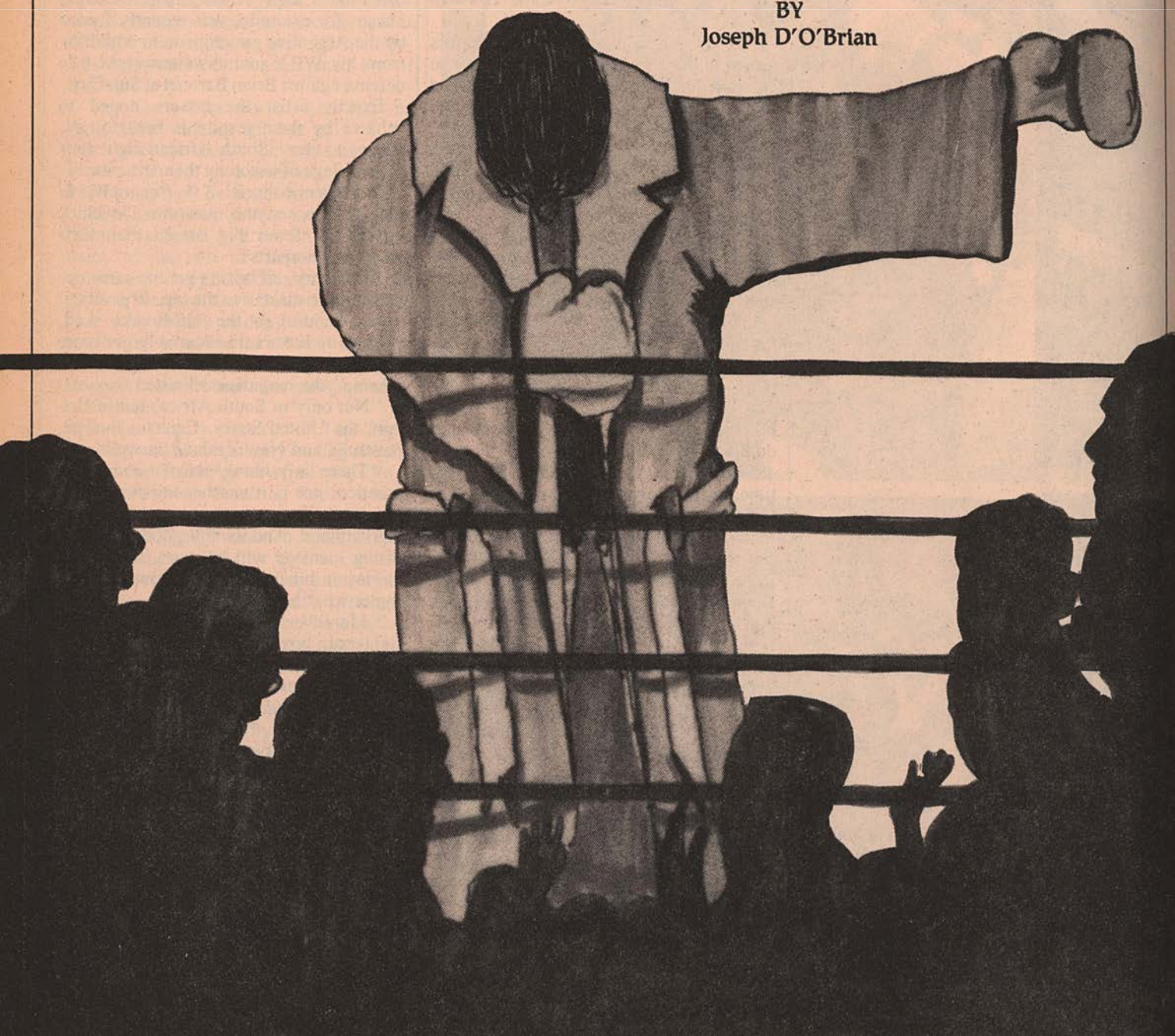
BY
Joseph D'O'Brian

AS MY FRIENDS AND I WERE SITTING around my apartment finishing off the last of the beer at the end of the Spinks-Holmes fight, one of us came up with a pretty good trivia question: Which heavyweight champions won their last fight?

We all know that whatever the answer was, it would be a pretty short list, and we all knew the reason for this. Athletes, like gamblers, singers and burglars, seldom know how to quit when they're still at the top of the game. (The answer to the question, by the way, is Gene Tunney, James J. Braddock, Rocky Marciano, Ingemar Johansson, Sonny Liston and Leon Spinks).

Since so many champions, at any weight, do end their careers on a losing note, it is not something that anyone considers a disgrace. Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Benny Leonard, Rocky Graziano, Jimmy Wilde, Tony Canzoneri and countless others were not just beaten, but humiliated in their last fights, without damaging their historical reputations.

So, once I had solved my friend's trivia question, I got to thinking about just how important the final fight is to any boxer's career. It occurs to me that while winning that fight is not very important, it is important to use that fight as a fitting end to the whole story. A great fighter's career doesn't have to end happily; it should, however, end appropriately.



At the risk of sounding corny, I would compare the career of a boxer to a play, with a story line, supporting characters and a resolution at the end. It can be a tragedy, a comedy or anything in between.

Now, there's a saying among playwrights that "God writes lousy theater." That is to say, real events seldom turn out so that they'd look perfect, just as they are, on stage. It seems to me, though, that boxing careers have a way of ending just the way a good play should end: with the resolution of the story in a manner that's appropriate to all that has led up to it.

We all saw how Larry Holmes' career ended last September. We saw his strange, dull performance in the ring, the close, controversial decision, and Holmes' helpless raging at the press conference afterwards.

Holmes' exit was equal in drama to his entrance on the championship scene, and it was utterly appropriate in a poetic sense. Holmes was a great fighter, and someday the world will recognize this, but the tragedy of the Holmes drama was that his greatness was never recognized while he fought. The elements against which he fought were the squalor and controversy of the boxing world. His tragic flaw was his unwavering hostility and bitterness.

In a way, it could be said that Holmes engineered his unhappy exit as perfectly as if he'd actually sat down and scripted it. He could easily have retired undefeated at any time after his fight with Gerry Cooney, his place in history intact, and nobody would have thought the worse of him. But it was almost as though he had a reason for sticking around until he finally lost one.

Maybe Holmes believed that the rest of the world wouldn't be satisfied until he was defeated. And thus *he* wouldn't be satisfied until he lost, since this loss would give final proof to his thesis that the world was shafting him. Maybe we were, but it would have served us right if Larry hadn't given us the pleasure of seeing him go to 48-1.

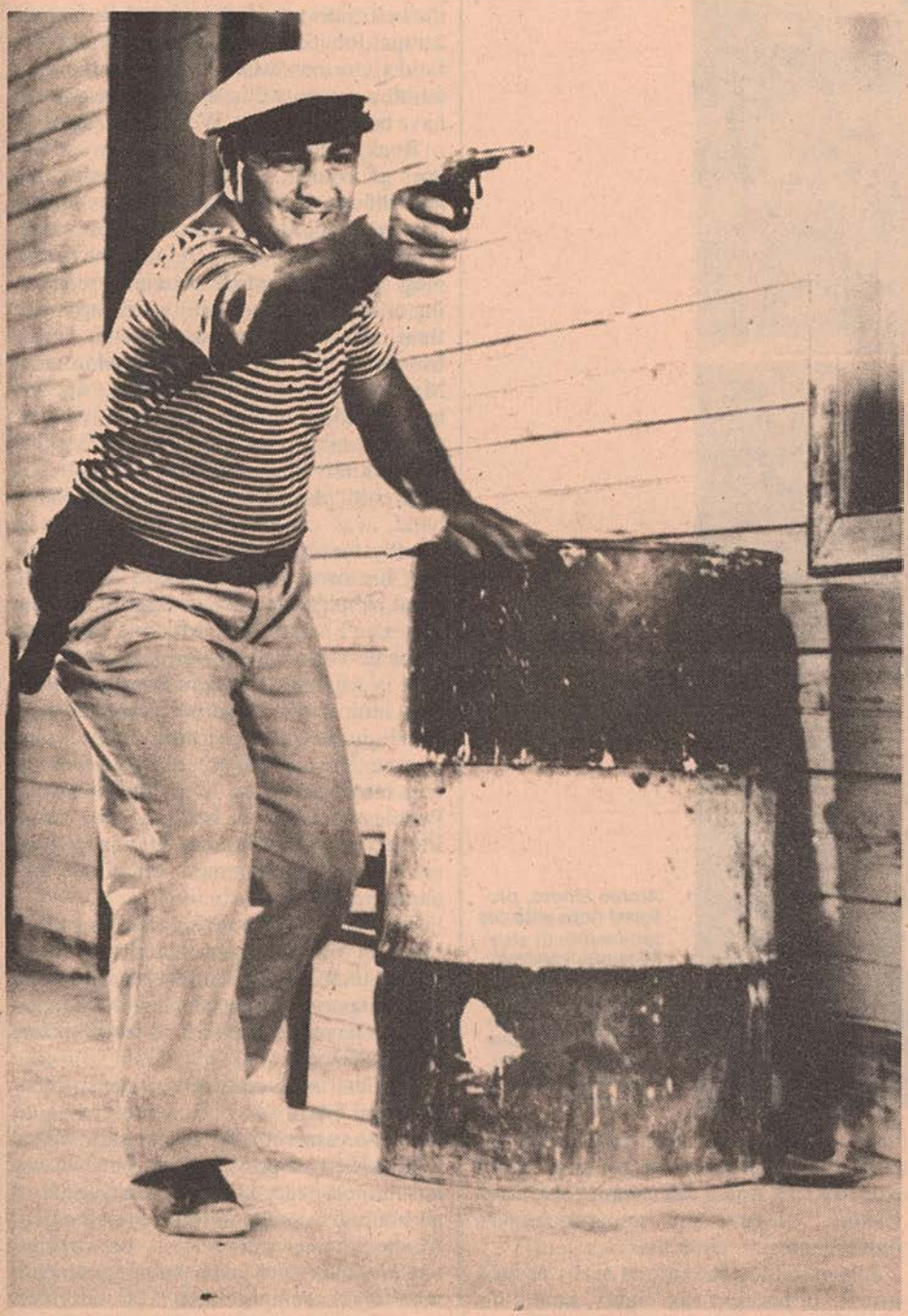
Joyce Carol Oates once wrote that all boxing is tragic drama. While I don't agree that it's invariably tragic, I do see her point. And since I am a card-carrying pseudo-intellectual horse's ass, I have invented a pleasant little parlor game for people who appreciate the drama of most famous boxers' careers.

The game is this: Choose any well-known boxer, and compare his career to a play or a movie, or decide who would have written the script for the man's career, or who would have directed the movie version.

Larry Holmes, for instance, comes straight out of Somerset Maugham. His story is the story of a man who overcomes great handicaps, but who, through his own failings, gives himself yet more handicaps which he finally cannot overcome. Holmes career was a psychological tragedy, ending not with doom, but with an unsettling sourness.

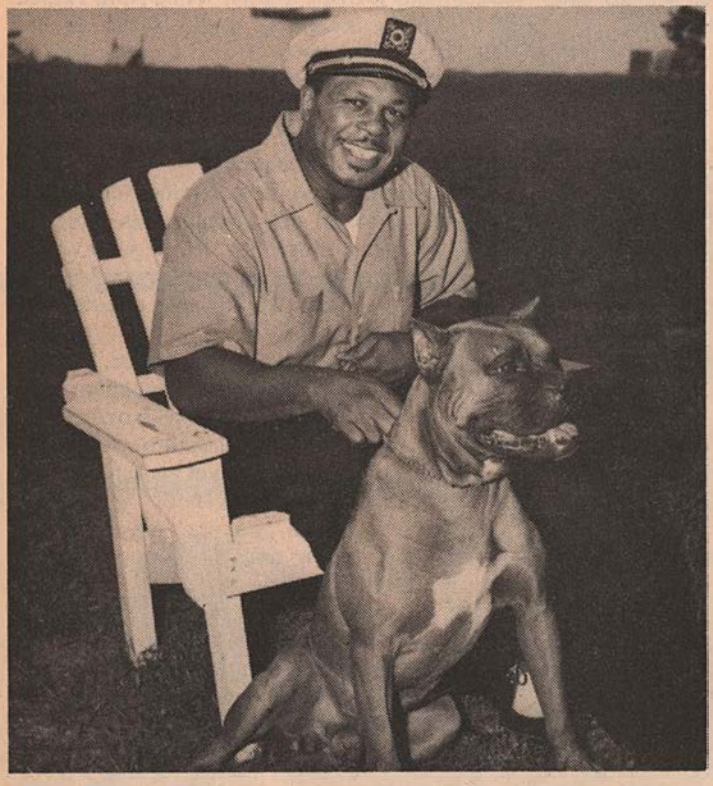
If Holmes' career was a tragedy, Ingemar Johansson's career was a light, inconsequential comedy such as P.G.Wodehouse might have written. The impression one gets of Johansson is that he was someone who could have gone a long, long way in the ring, but who never had the inclination to bust his butt that much.

Looking at Johansson's career, you wonder how anyone who worked so little could have won the heavyweight championship so easily. It seemed that everything came easily to Ingo. He went



*Rocky Marciano was always the good guy in the ring, but following his boxing career he played the part of a villainous smuggler in his TV debut as an actor.*

*Ingemar Johansson and Brigit Lundgren romp over hill and dale in a typical scene from one of Ingo's training camps.*



*Archie Moore, pictured here with his pet boxer "Brandy," arrived within tasting distance of the very top of the boxing world, only to have the cup dashed from his lips time and again.*

through hs early opponents the way Patton went through Sicily. After that, it got easier. He packed away Eddie Machen, a dangerous fighter, in one round. And we all know what he did to Floyd Patterson.

Visitors to Ingo's training camps would seldom see him working out: More likely he'd be lying by the pool with his girlfriend (A girlfriend in training camp? Horrors!) "I don't train hard," he'd tell visitors. "I save my strength for the fight."

Johansson lost the title as easily as he'd won it. In his next two fights, he did his best for a few rounds, and when he figured out how tough it would be to win, he seemed to decide, well, if it's that much work, Patterson can have it.

Like Holmes, Johansson left the boxing scene on a note that harmonized perfectly with all that had gone before it. The man who won so many fights by risking his whole wad on one big punch finally walked into one himself, thrown by an earnest but ordinary British fighter named Brian London. Only problem was, that punch landed about two seconds before the bell ending the last round. A semi-conscious Johansson was carried from the field victorious. Maybe Brian London felt a little sore about this; everybody else must have been thinking, "Well, that's Ingo."

Rocky Marciano's career was a western, of course. Rocky was cast as the straight-arrow, square-shootin' sheriff who may not always win easily, but who always wins. All those fights at the beginning and middle of the movie were exciting enough, but they all just led up to the final, cataclysmic showdown with Archie Moore in the last reel. The Marciano-Moore fight passed the test that's applied to any good movie showdown: It was excitement all the way, despite the fact that we all knew who would win.

Archie Moore's career, on the other hand, was classic Fellini. A western is usually the story of a strong man controlling his own destiny. Fellini deals with good people who have to fight things that they can't control; in Moore's case, the sheer perversity of the boxing fan.

It is Moore's peculiar tragedy that he won almost two hundred fights and held the light-heavyweight title longer than anyone else will ever hold it, yet he is best remembered for a handful of losses. People who know nothing else about Moore know that he was Marciano's last victim, and Muhammed Ali's first big-name opponent.

The story of Moore's career is a story of a man overcoming an incredible amount of bad luck and unfair treatment to arrive within tasting distance of the very top—only to have the cup dashed from his lips time and again.

His last important fight, against (then) Cassius Clay, was a perfect end to Moore's career not because it harmonized with what had gone before, but because it summed everything up in a quarter of an hour. It was the entire tragicomedy of Moore's career presented in microcosm.

Clay, then, was just a young loudmouth who might or might not be a good fighter.

Moore had been around forever, had beaten just about everyone, and even those who hated him for his oh-so-scientific style admitted that he was a great, great fighter. Yet the fight was supposed to be a stepping-stone for Clay. Moore had been shipped in as the "opponent," and was billed as such.

Clay was twenty years old; Moore was forty-eight, fat and grey bearded. He came into the ring hardly able to move, but he almost tore Clay's head off in the first round; some observers had Clay out on his feet. But nobody remembers that; they just know that Ancient Archie collapsed in the fourth round and that was the end of that, and why didn't he put up a better fight anyway?

This may sound like an easy game to play, but bear in mind that I'm giving easy examples. There are an awful lot of boxers whose careers didn't end so neatly, and who I'll admit, have me stumped.

There are the wild men of the ring, guys like Harry Greb, Stanley Ketchel and Sonny Liston, whose careers were made even more complex by the fact that they were ended by death outside the ring. Of course, maybe the dramatic message in these cases is that there was no way for these guys to end their boxing careers in the conventional manner. Can you imagine Greb, Ketchel or Liston retiring?

Then there are the fighters whose careers just plain made lousy theater. Guys like Ray Robison or Ezzard Charles, who just went on and on like the old joke that stopped being funny after you'd heard it twenty times. Or Jimmy Braddock, who went out very poetically against Joe Louis but then blew a very nice dramatic moment by coming back for one more fight and winning it. If he'd quit after the Louis fight, we'd have had a very touching story; as it was, the Braddock saga is kind of trite and heavy, like a Doris Day movie.

What I'm getting at is that the way a boxer ends his career is part of the smell he leaves behind. Larry Holmes may not feel so great right now about having gone out on a losing note, but it may be that by doing so, he has tied up his story in a neat little bundle that no future boxing fan will be able to overlook. If he had simply retired after the Carl Williams fight, he would have left us without an ending; his would have been a career filled with acomplishment, but devoid of drama. And like it or not, drama is important to the fighter who wants to be remembered.

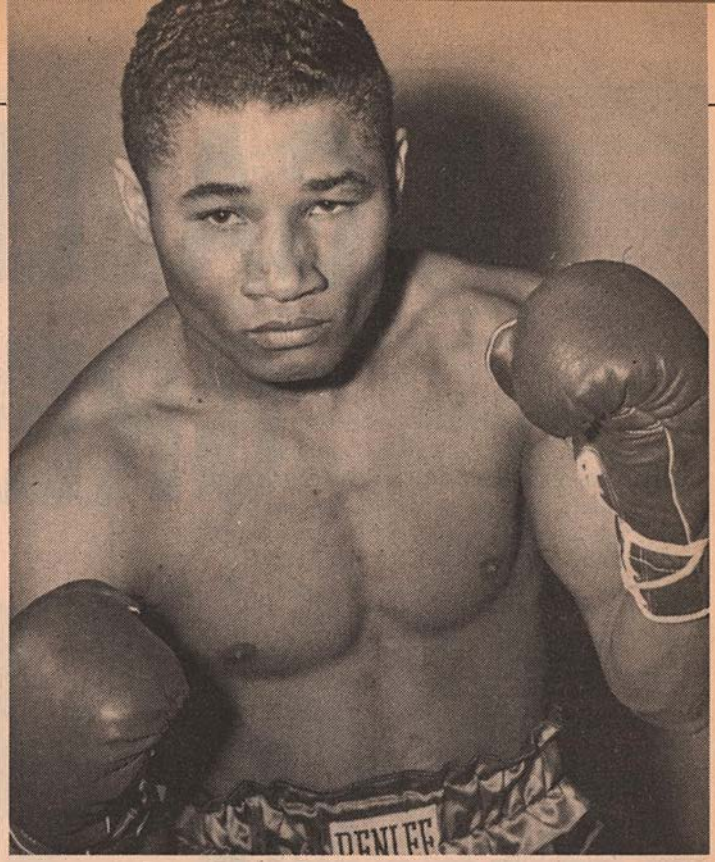
I'm reminded of a story about Beau Jack, the old lightweight champ. Toward the end of his career, when he was lying in his dressing room recovering from a knockout, a reporter came into offer his condolences.

"Thanks," said Beau. "Did the people like it?"

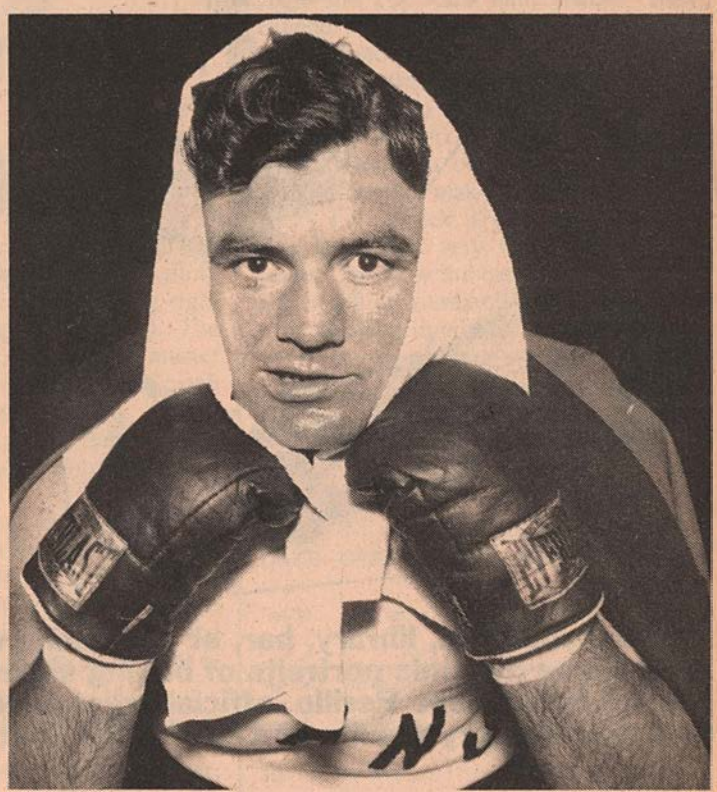
"Yeah," said the reporter. "Everybody thought it was a good fight."

"That's okay, then. As long as the fans were satisfied, that's okay."

Maybe what Beau Jack was saying is that it's not so important whether a boxer's career is a tragedy or a comedy, so long as it's good theater. □



*Former lightweight champion Beau Jack took some poundings towards the end of his career, but always tried to give the fans a good show.*



*Author D'O'Brian feels that James J. Braddock spoiled a poetic end to his career by going out on a winning note when he outpointed Tommy Farr in his last professional bout.*

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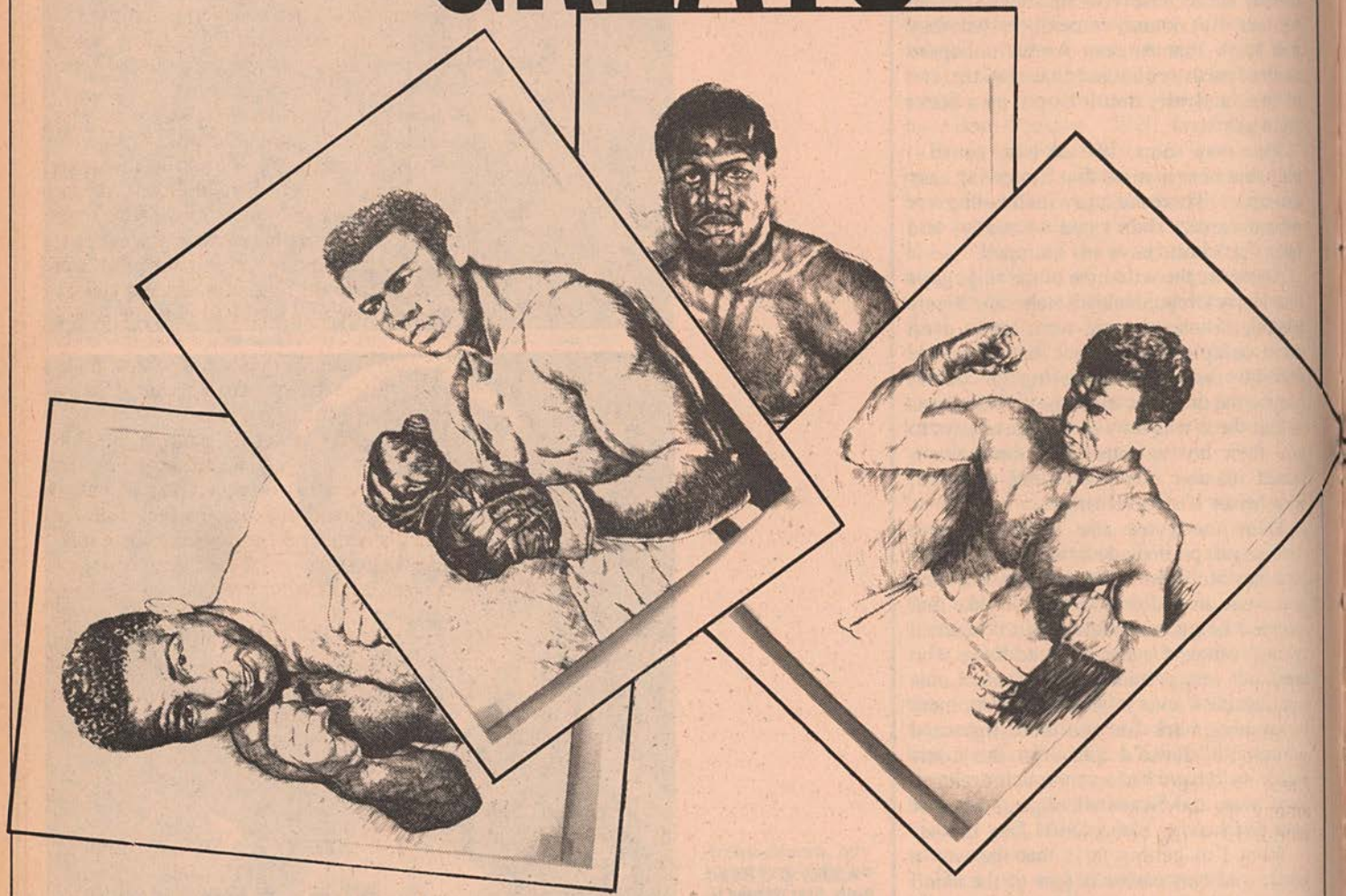

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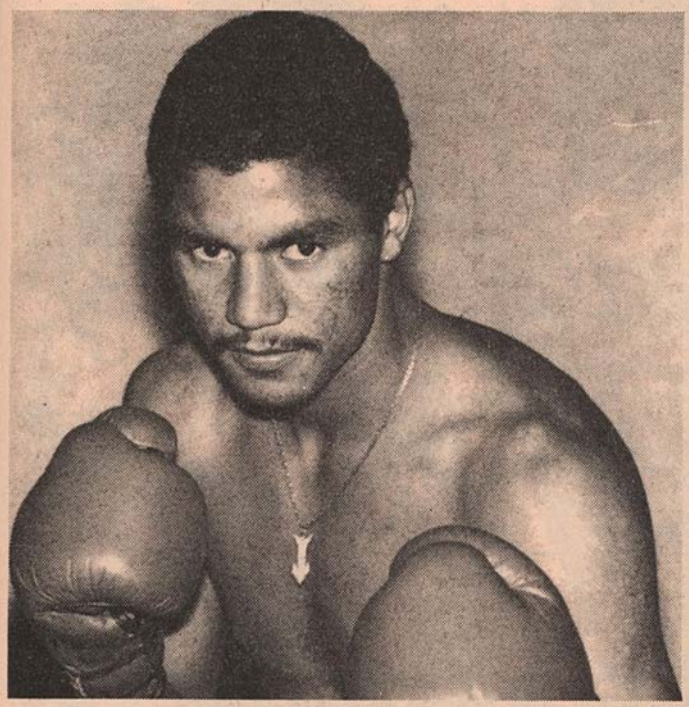

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## SAMMY FUENTES

ACCORDING TO *WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD Dictionary*, one of the definitions of the noun sleeper is: a previously disregarded person or thing that unexpectedly achieves success, or assumes importance. In the world of boxing it is also a perfect discription of lightweight Sammy Fuentes.

After only 10 professional fights (9-1, six knockouts) Fuentes, a native of Puerto Rico, suddenly finds himself ranked among the top ten 135-pounders in the world. How did he achieve such a lofty status in so few fights? Simple. In his most recent bout he destroyed former IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo, stopping the highly-rated favorite in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-rounder in Atlantic City.

Arroyo, who went into the match with a flashy career record of 26-1, with 20 knockouts, was making his first start since losing his IBF belt to Jimmy Paul. Fuentes was considered little more than a warmup, a prelude to bigger and better things for the popular former champion. But as things turned out, it is Fuentes who can now look forward to a bright future, while Arroyo ponders retirement back in Youngstown, Ohio.

Fuentes, a flat-footed banger, jumped on Arroyo from the opening bell, nailing Harry time and again with looping right hands and left hooks to the head. The brave Arroyo desperately tried to muster a rally, but found it difficult to catch Sammy cleanly. In the seventh, Arroyo was staggered by a right to the head and referee Joe Cortez gave him a standing eight count.

Fuentes rushed back to the attack and clobbered Arroyo with a vicious right hook that put Harry down, face first. Cortez didn't even bother to finish the count. It was all over 2:22 into the seventh and Fuentes had scored the biggest victory of his brief career.

"He's a fantastic fighter," said the gracious loser.

Following a 56-4 amateur career, Fuentes turned pro on November 11, 1982, stopping Victor Aponte in the third round in Aguidilla, Puerto Rico. He won his next three bouts, but was stopped by Juan Nazario, a future Latin America junior lightweight champion, in the fifth round of his next match. Sammy only went to the post once in '84, knocking out Roberto Lopez in eight. He resurfaced on February 21, 1985 in Atlantic City where he gave Jocko King a one-sided beating to take a unanimous six-round decision. Sammy followed his impressive American debut with a second round TKO over Cirilo Morell in New York City.

The next assignment for the unheralded youngster was against undefeated (14-0, 13 kayoes) hotshot Othal (Choo Choo) Dixon back in Atlantic City. The hard-punching Dixon was being touted as a future champion, and most observers figured Fuentes would become victim number 15. Instead, it was Fuentes pounding out a 10-round majority decision over Choo Choo in a bristling punchout.

Despite his rapid progress since coming to the United States, Fuentes, 21, is still relatively inexperienced and needs more seasoning before going after one of the three lightweight champions. Nevertheless, considering his slender professional record, Sammy is very purposeful and controlled in the ring. His startling victory over Arroyo was televised over the ESPN cable and Top Rank matchmaker Teddy Brenner is negotiating with Fuentes' manager, Chino Govin, for another TV appearance in the near future.

According to inside sources at Top Rank, the Arroyo camp selected Fuentes from a short list of opponents, figuring Sammy would make a perfect foil for Harry's comeback. It proved to be a mistake that could very well end Arroyo's career. But now the cat's out of the bag, and it is highly unlikely that Fuentes will ever be taken lightly again. □

### THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF SAMMY FUENTES

Loiza, Puerto Rico lightweight
Manager: Chino Govin
Amateur record: 56-4

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1982 | | |
| Nov. 20 | Victor Aponte | Arguidilla | KO 3 |
| | 1983 | | |
| Feb. 12 | Roberto Ortiz | Canovanas | W 6 |
| Mar. 24 | Victor Fontanez | Trujillo Alto | KO 2 |
| Apr. 16 | Edwin Rodriguez | Trujillo Alto | KO 2 |
| Aug. 18 | Juan Nazario | Trujillo Alto | KOby5 |
| | 1984 | | |
| Sept. 1 | Roberto Lopez | Carolina | KO 8 |
| | 1985 | | |
| Feb. 21 | Jocko King | Atlantic City | W 6 |
| Mar. 25 | Cirilo Morell | New York | KO 2 |
| Jun. 19 | Othal Dixon | Atlantic City | W 10 |
| Oct. 9 | Harry Arroyo | Atlantic City | KO 7 |

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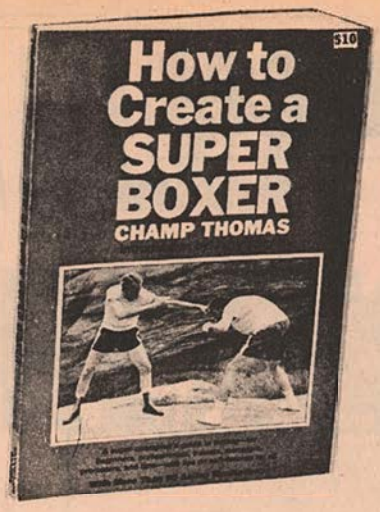


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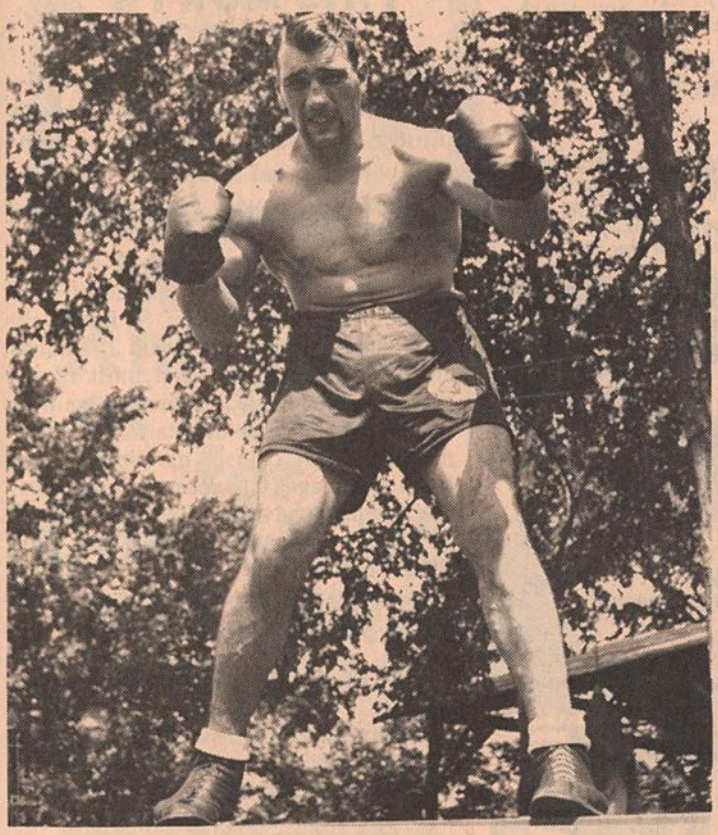

*Although hardly the best heavyweight champion of all time, Primo Carnera was certainly the biggest.*

**Q:** Could you give me the dates, results, etc., of the two Muhammad Ali-Sonny Liston bouts?

*DEAN PARKER*
*Fort Lee, N.J.*

**A:** *Their first bout, a scheduled 15 at the Miami Beach Convention Hall on February 25, 1964, saw Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, win the world heavyweight title when Liston failed to answer the bell for round seven. The fight was even at that point, although Ali had dominated the sixth session. Barney Felix refereed.*

*The second Ali-Liston bout, a scheduled 15-rounder at St. Dominic's Youth Center in Lewiston, Maine on May 25, 1965, saw Ali kayo Liston with an awkward, ineffective looking right chop to the jaw—the "anchor punch." (Ali later claimed the blow, supposedly developed by Jack Johnson, had been taught to him by comedian Stepin Fetchit.) The time of the knockout was officially announced as "one minute flat," but a check of the videotape showed Liston down at 1:42 and "out" at 1:52. Jersey Joe Walcott refereed the affair.*

**Q:** What is the address of Top Rank, Inc.?

*JAMES WHITMORE*
*Scarborough, Ontario*

**A:** *919 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10002. Tell 'em you were sent by "Solid Goldman."*

**Q:** What was Joey Archibald's first professional bout?

*FRANK COTTER*
*Hoboken, N.J.*

**A:** *A four-round stoppage of Ernst (Kid) Herbert in Fall River, Mass., on April 29, 1932.*

**Q:** How old is the European Boxing Association?

*MANUEL SALAS*
*Bronx, New York*

**A:** *The EBU, which governs European professional boxing championships, officially began in 1946. Its predecessor, the International Boxing Union (of Europe), started in Paris in 1911 and ended with the Nazi invasion of France in 1940.*

**Q:** Who was the first southpaw to win a world title?

*HAROLD STEICHER*
*Brooklyn, N.Y.*

**A:** *Al McCoy, real name Albert Rudolph. He won the world middleweight crown by knocking out defending title holder George Chip in 1:55 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round bout at the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn on April 6, 1914.*

**Q:** Is Primo Carnera still the heaviest man to have held the world heavyweight title?

*TOMMY RUSSO*
*Boston, Mass.*

**A:** *Yes. He's also still the heaviest man to fight for a world crown. Not even the 254½-pound Big Bad Leroy Jones (as Don King called him) came near Carnera. Primo weighed from 259½ to 270 pounds in title bouts.*

**Q:** Has a heavyweight title bout ever ended in "no contest"?

*LARRY SILBER*
*Annapolis, Md.*

**A:** *No.*

**Q:** Who holds the record for most career knockouts by a flyweight?

*MELVIN ZEITER*
*Rockaway, N.Y.*

**A:** *Jimmy Wilde—100 career kayoes.*

**Q:** Was Luther (Slugger) White ever the lightweight champion of the world?

*HARRY PEARLMAN*
*Scranton, Pa.*

**A:** *The Maryland State Commission sanctioned a bout between White and Willie Joyce for the vacant world lightweight title after champion Sammy Angott announced his retirement on November 13, 1942. White, 134¾, won a unanimous decision over Joyce, 133¾, over 15 rounds at the Coliseum in Baltimore on January 4, 1943. Charley Baum, referee. Nobody other than the Maryland Commission recognized this as a title bout. Angott subsequently beat White in a comeback.*

# PUNCH COUNTER PUNCH

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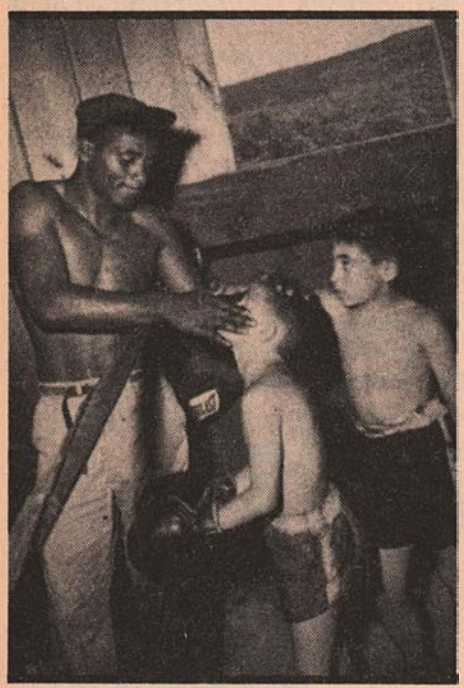
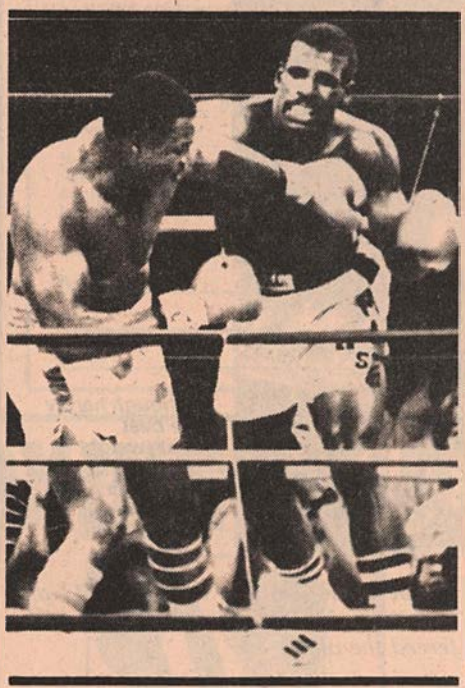
## THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

**What is your opinion of the unconventional training methods used by sports nutritionist Mackie Shilstone to help prepare Michael Spinks for his title-winning fight with Larry Holmes?**

*Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson says he trains his fighters the same way he used to train back in the 1950s.*



*New training techniques allowed Michael Spinks (right) to put on 25 pounds and still maintain his mobility. The result was a new heavyweight champion when Spinks outpointed Larry Holmes for the IBF belt.*



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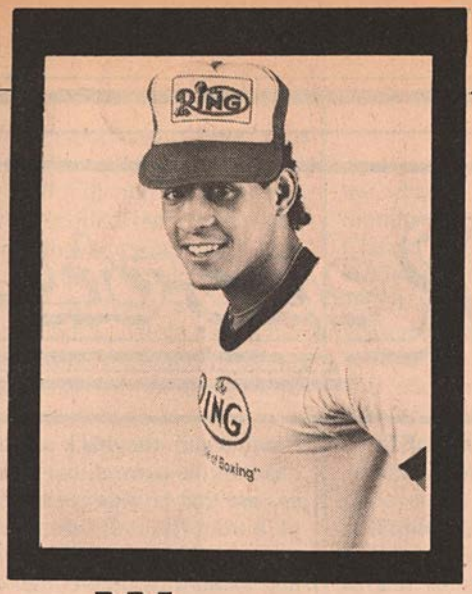
**Jackie McCoy** *(trainer of five world champions):*
I'm not that familiar with Mr. Shilstone's methods, but I did hear him interviewed on TV. It's true that boxing is way behind other sports when it comes to training methods. They are basically the same today as when I was fighting. It's probably because most of the people in boxing, like myself, lack education or a college background. Mr. Shilstone's methods seemed to work for Spinks. The extra weight didn't slow him down, but if the same methods were used on a less talented fighter they might not have worked. If a guy doesn't have it, all the nutrition and special training won't help.

**Bennie Georgino** *(manager/trainer):*
Spinks had a weight problem, anyway. It was always a problem getting down to 175. What he (Shilstone) tried to do was harden him up a bit. Spinks always had the frame to carry more weight. But I don't believe in lifting weights. All that does is tighten you up, and that's no good for boxing. However, I do believe that nutrition is important. The only thing is that I go for natural nutrition, not taking a lot of vitamin pills. I get on my guys to eat the right things. Holmes was ready to go anyway, and Spinks had the right style at the right time. I think it was this, more than any special training, that won him the title.

**Floyd Patterson** *(Former world heavyweight champion):*
At one point in my career I tried to put on five or six pounds because I was fighting much bigger men. But it didn't work for me. It slowed me down. So I was very surprised when Spinks put on 25 pounds and still managed to keep most of his speed. It must have been his new training methods. It may be the start of a whole new trend. Of course, he (Spinks) was fighting a bigger, slower man in Holmes. Spinks might have been even quicker at 185. But I thought he fought a very good fight. Everything progresses, but I'm training my fighters the same way we did things back in the 1950s.

**Dick Young** *(New York* Post *sports columnist):*
The next Jane Fonda is Mackie Shilstone. Most boxing people were shocked and disparaging when they learned that Spinks had weighed in at 200 for his fight with Larry Holmes. They envisioned the extra 25 pounds as blubber. But Spinks was solid and mobile. Mackie Shilstone molded a metabolic miracle.

**Johnny Tocco** *(trainer and gym proprietor):*
Truthfully, I don't think Michael's new training methods had a lot to do with him winning his fight with Holmes. Spinks worked on hitting and running. The thing that impressed me was how well Spinks stuck to his fight plan. I understand Spinks used weights to help build himself up for Holmes. Now, I worked with Mike Weaver in the past and he lifted a lot of weights. But I advised him to stop because he was getting too tight and couldn't get his punches off. I use the rowing machine with my amateurs to help develop their bodies, but I stay away from weight lifting. Nutrition is important and I try to regulate my fighter's diet, but the most basic thing any fighter has to have is dedication.

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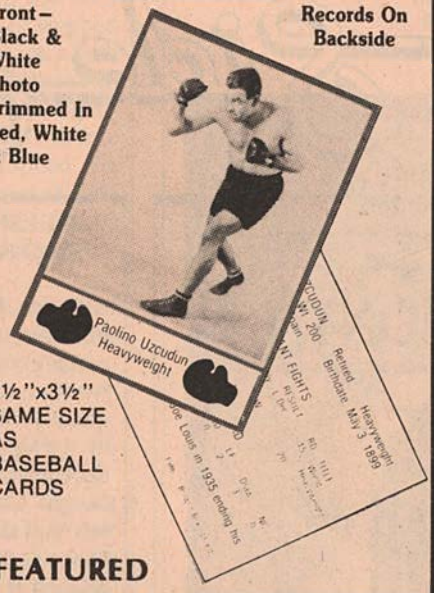


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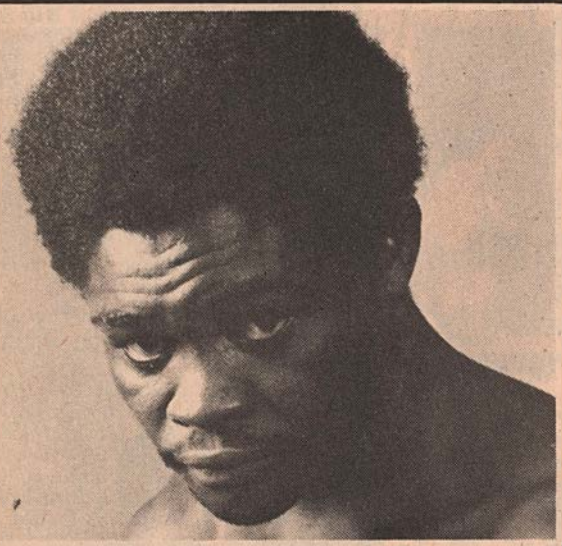

***WBC featherweight champion Azumah Nelson won* THE RING*'s Fighter of the Month Award on the strength of his one-round knockout of Pat Cowdell in Birmingham, England. It was Nelson's second defense of his belt.***

Pat Cowdell extended the legendary Salvadore Sanchez 15 tough rounds in their 1982 contest for Sanchez's WBA featherweight title. Pat didn't get another crack at the 126-pound crown until this year when he challenged current WBC boss **Azumah Nelson** on Cowdell's home turf of Birmingham, England. This little bit of boxing history helps put Nelson's one-round knockout over Cowdell in its proper persepctive. Azumah was at his very best destroying the Welshman with a single, vicious left to the head. The impressive victory over a challenger known for his evasive boxing skills earns Nelson *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award and adds more heat to the already smoldering feud between Nelson and his WBA counterpart, Barry McGuigan.

Runner-up honors go to IBF cruiserweight champion **Lee Roy Murphy** for his thrilling come-from-behind victory over challenger Chisanada Mutti in Monaco. The practically unbelievable climax to this give-and-take struggle came when both men landed simultaneous rights to the head. Both hit the canvas. Murphy beat the count; Mutti didn't.

Honorable mention is given to future Hall-of-Famer **Alexis Arguello**, who began his drive for a fourth world title with a fifth round TKO over Pat Jefferson. Pat wasn't exactly a stern test, but he was no stiff either, especially considering Alexis' long lay-off.

### NELSON-COWDELL
*WBC Featherweight Title*

BIRMINGHAM, ENG.—GHAnian Azumah Nelson, 125¾, made good his boast that he would stop Pat Cowdell quickly. It took him just 2:24 of the opening round to produce a lethal left uppercut that caught Cowdell flush on the jaw and deposited him on his back for the full count. Pat remained on the canvas for some time before he had sufficiently recovered.

Cowdell, 125, entered the National Exhibition Centre ring to a tremendous reception from the 6,000 fans. It had been expected that he would use his skill and speed to box his man at long range, and try and notch up points with his educated left hand. After all, everyone knew Nelson had a punch, and there was no need for Cowdell to get involved, at least early on.

But Pat had other ideas. He came forward, took the fight to his man, prodded out his left hand, and even tried to push the champion back with it. That suited nelson admirably. All he had to do was to stand still, take a few light lefts, and await his chance. It came much more quickly than even he could have expected.

Pat landed one left jab, and went to repeat the punch. As he did so, his right arm dropped, and Nelson delivered an arcing left uppercut that looked like a knockout punch from the time it left his shoulder.

Down went Pat, and referee Octavio Meyran completed the count. He could have counted to 100. It seemed that Pat banged the back of his head on the canvas, but chances are that he was out before he hit the floor. It was a perfect punch, beautifully timed, and as hard as they come.

The fans were stunned—not because Pat had lost, but because of the sheer speed of it. After a few minutes, Pat recovered his senses. He was inconsolable when he realized what had happened.

"It was my dream to win a world title," he sobbed. He said how sorry he was to let his fans down. But in truth, no apology was needed. He had no chance with that punch, which he said he never saw.

The logical match would now be Nelson vs. Barry McGuigan for the undisputed world featherweight title. But it will take a lot of negotiations, and a lot of money, to stage that one. It may never materialize.

Meanwhile, Nelson carries on insulting Barry by calling him "she." But I do believe I heard him say—in a moment of weakness, no doubt—that he knew it wasn't up to Barry, but his advisors, to arrange the match.

Having seen Nelson in action, many fans believe he would beat McGuigan. But Barry would prove a different proposition than Pat altogether. One thing's for sure. It would be a great fight.

Nelson's victory was spoiled by a group of hooligans who did their best to get into the ring, shouting abuse at Nelson. There were clashes with Nelson's supporters, and American Sam Scaff, who had earlier been beaten by Tim

Witherspoon, was sent to the ground and kicked. A disgraceful display by a minority thus spoiled the whole occasion for everyone else.

Promoter Frank Warren referred to them as "scum," and said he would do his best in future promotions to see that this sort of thing never happened again.

The 32-year-old Cowdell later said he would not retire. He has ambitions of winning a Lonsdale belt at junior lightweight to go with the featherweight belt he already holds from being British champion from 1979 to 1980. He never lost this title in the ring.

In a battle of American heavyweights, Tim Witherspoon, former WBC champion, 233½, stopped Sam Scaff, 257, referee John Coyle intervening at 2:10 of round four in a scheduled 10 after Scaff had been floored by a right hand. Not a contest to be remembered.

Midlands Area lightweight champion Mickey Baker, 135, Worcester, outscored Venezuelan Jose Mosqueda, 133, referee Coyle carding it 78½-77½ after eight. Mosqueda incurred warnings for holding.

John Hyland, 123, Liverpool, stopped Dai Williams, 124, Swansea, referee Jim Pridding calling it a halt midway in round two of a scheduled eight with Williams under pressure.

George Collins, 148½, Bracknell, stopped Vince Stewart, 147½, Tottenham, referee Pridding intervening at 1:10 of round five after Stewart had been down. Collins looks a good prospect.

Mark Mills, 152, Croydon, defeated Peter Foster, also 152, Birmingham, referee Pridding stopping the action at 1:10 of round four in a scheduled six after Foster had been floored twice.
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RON OLVER

## ARGUELLO-JEFFERSON

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—IT had been 17 years since Alexis Arguello became a professional fighter. But in many ways, the last two and a half had been longer than the first 15. Never before had he waited so long between victories.

And, of course, when Arguello, one of eight men ever to win three titles, lost last time—September 9, 1983 to Aaron Pryor—he thought he was not only done winning, but done fighting.

But the stirrings in his soul propelled Arguello back into the ring and, 25 months after the Pryor defeat and 30 months after his last win over Claude Noel, Alexis stopped Pat Jefferson, 143¾, on a fifth round technical knockout to resume his quest for an unprecedented fourth title. Referee Bill McConkey stopped the scheduled 10-rounder at 2:47 of the frame on the Alaska Athletic Commission's three-knockdown rule.

Arguello, 33, a native of Nicaragua who has lived in the Miami, Fla. area for the last several years, started slowly against Jefferson, 28, of Eugene, Ore., but began to take over in the third round.

Jefferson boxed smartly and smoothly in the first two rounds, sticking his jab well, darting inside for brief flurries, but always circling. Clearly, though, Arguello had seen something in those rounds. As the third was about to begin, he sat on his stool in his corner eagerly stamping his feet.

It was then that Arguello began to show some of the old skill and power that have made him a legend—a fighter soon to be 79-6 with 64 knockouts.

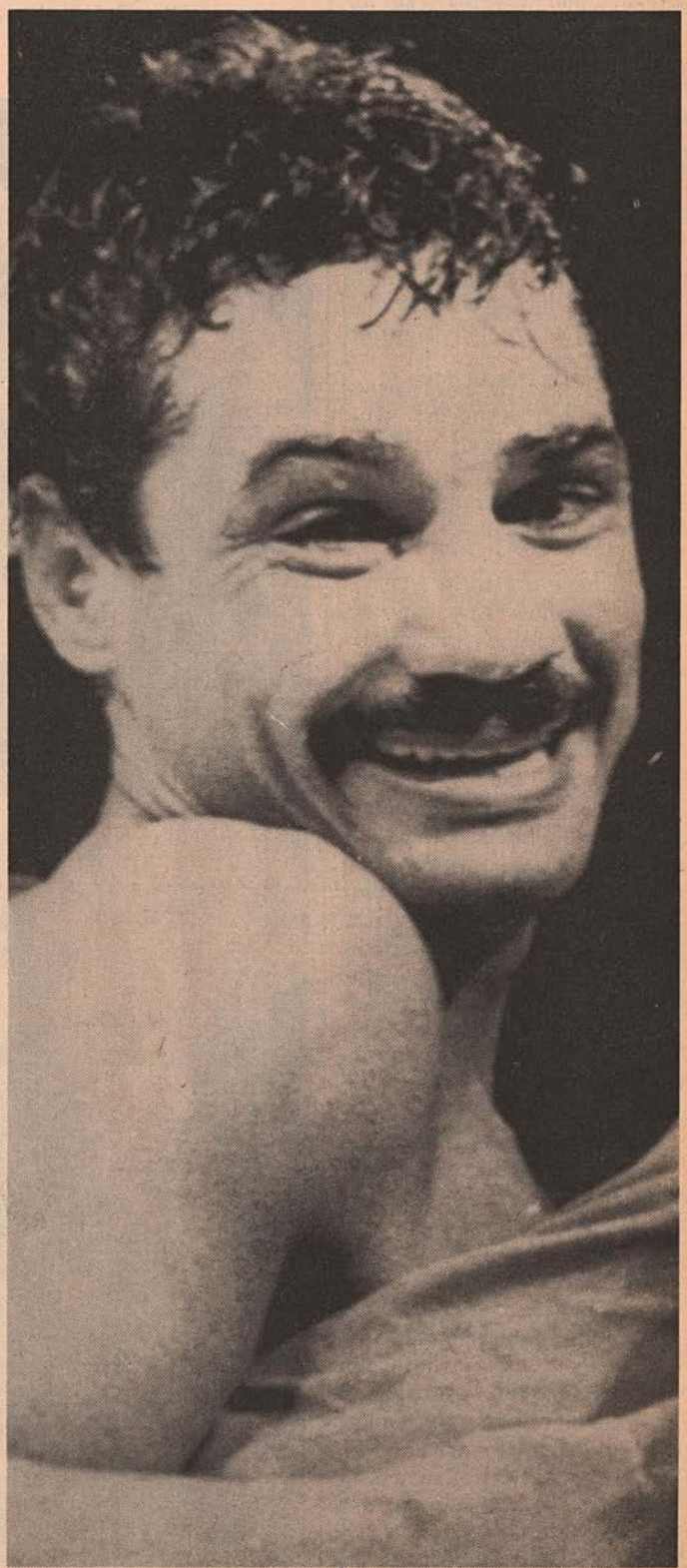
Early in the third, Arguello connected with a sharp overhand right to the head that drove Jefferson into the ropes.

"You got him, Alexis," yelled Arguello's manager, Bill Miller, from his corner. It was a hasty analysis, but, just before the round's end, Arguello backed Jefferson onto the ropes with an unceasing blur of combinations.

In the fourth round, Jefferson was still circling; but he stopped before throwing punches, and that got him into exchanges with Arguello—something the 25-6 Jefferson didn't want. When the round ended, the fighters nodded their heads in a gesture of mutual respect.

Just seconds into the fifth round, Jefferson took a peculiar tumble to the canvas even

*Alexis Arguello was all smiles after notching his first win on the comeback trail against Pat Jefferson. It was the former triple champion's first start since losing to Aaron Pryor in September of 1983.*



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though Arguello wasn't near him. He later said he tripped over referee McConkey's foot and sprained his left ankle.

The injury robbed him of his lateral movement, said Jefferson, and made him a sitting duck for Arguello. Midway through the round, Arguello landed a wicked body shot followed by a flurry to put Jefferson down for the first time. Just before the two-minute mark, a combination dropped Jefferson off the bottom rope. He barely touched the canvas and was up quickly; but, under the rules, the end was automatic—and was quickly signaled by McConkey.

It was not a flawless performance by Arguello, who weighed 141½ pounds, but he certainly showed enough to be encouraged to continue on the path to his dream of a fourth crown.

"I have a goal to reach," said Aguello. "Any man who has a goal to reach is beautiful. I want to do it. More than ever, I want to do it. More than ever, I want to reach for the stars."

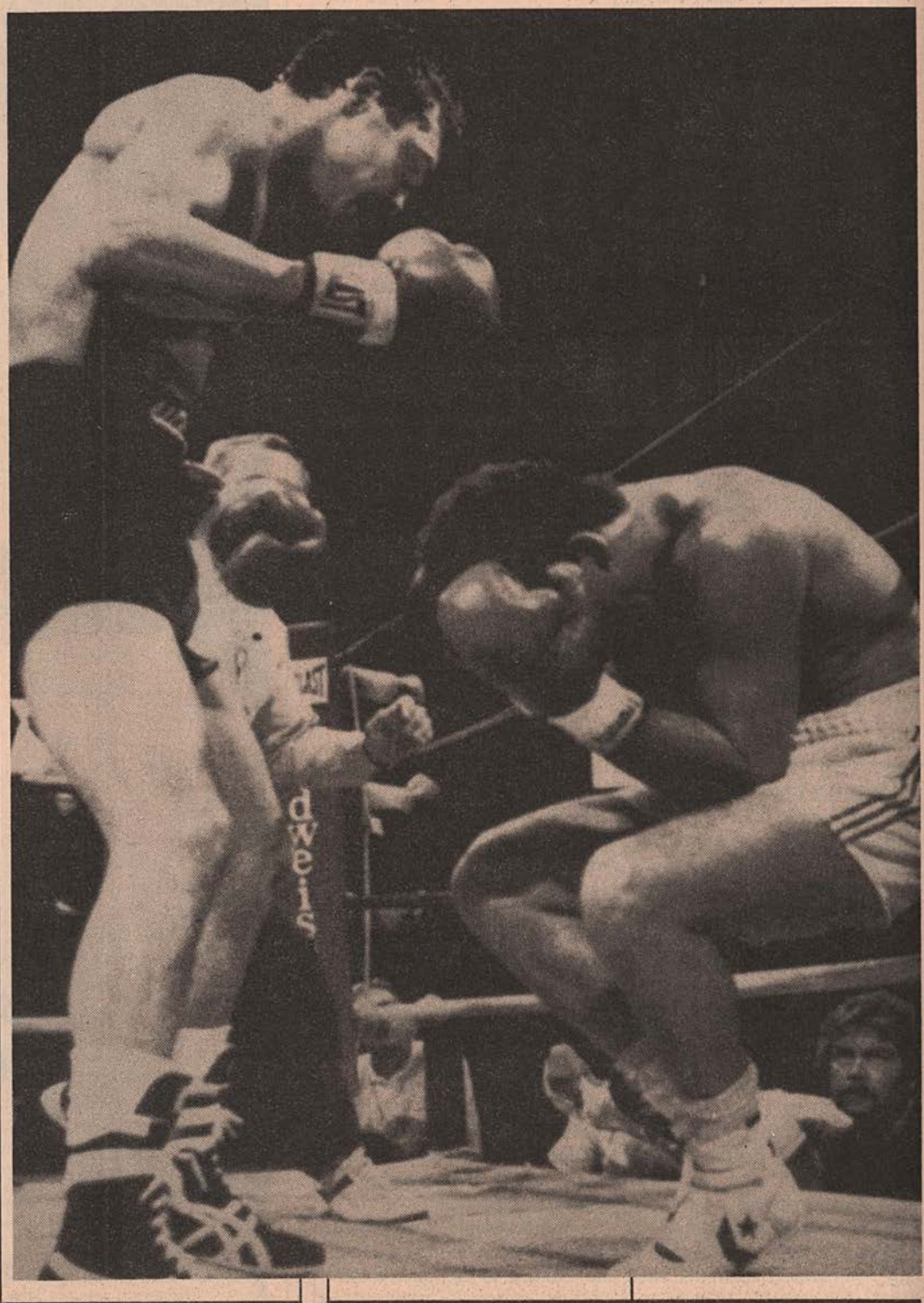
Arguello, who won featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight titles before failing twice against Pryor in junior welterweight championship bouts, said he was encouraged because his conditioning was good and he was able to take several hard punches from Jefferson.

However, he recognized that his jab was frequently off target. He blamed that on still adjusting to fighting taller opponents in the heavier weight class. "I'm used to fighting midgets," he explained.

Jefferson thinks Arguello will have problems.

"I can't see him being successful fighting like that," he said. "I'm not known for my punching ability (10 kayoes), and I had him in trouble a lot. He's going to have some trouble with big punchers in our weight division. He's a great finisher, but there's junior welterweights out there

***Pat Jefferson (right) slumps to the canvas in the fifth round of his bout with Alexis Arguello in Anchorage, Alaska. Arguello was especially effective with body shots, dropping Jefferson three times for a TKO in the fifth.***



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with heavier hands."

Arguello's next fight will be against former WBC 140-pound champion Bill Costello.

Frankie Warren, 138½, Newark, N.J., knocked out Mike Bradley, 138½, Columbus, Ohio, in 21 seconds of the eighth round in a scheduled 10 after three earlier knockdowns.

Laurie Mann, 141¾, Prince George, Brit. Columbia, knocked out Jorge Morales, 141, Tijuana, Mex., with a right in 2:32 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Jesse Lopez, Jr., 141, Eugene, Ore., TKO'd Pat Duran, Wichita Falls, Texas, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Lopez is now 10-0.

Lee Sentinella, 174½, Anchorage, TKO'd Danny Stewart, 174½, Anchorage, at 2:18 of the second in a scheduled four.

Alvaro Ramos, 124¾, Tucson, Ariz., knocked out Alberto Martinez, 128½, Los Angeles, in 1:33 of the sixth round in a scheduled six.

Tiffany Promotions (Sam Glass); S Productions (Bob Stroup).

Attendance at Sullivan Arena—2,046.

(10-25-85)

**LEW FREEDMAN**

## MURPHY-MUTTI
### *IBF Cruiserweight Title*

MONTE CARLO, MONACO—In a scene straight out of *Rocky II*, Chicago's Lee Roy Murphy successfully defended his IBF cruiserweight title with an amazing 12th round knockout over challenger Chisanda Mutti of Zambia at Louis II Stadium.

The dramatic ending to what had been a thrilling battle came when both fighters connected simultaneously with hard rights to the chin. Both went down badly hurt. Murphy, behind on all three scorecards (106-102, 105-101, and 105-102), used the ropes to haul himself to his feet before referee Larry Hazzard completed the count of 10. Mutti, on the other hand, only made it as far as his knees and was counted out 1:07 into the 12th round of a scheduled 15.

The fight was one of continuous excitement, with both men visiting the canvas prior to their rare double knockdown in the 12th. Mutti, who carved out a points lead with his stylish boxing, hurt Murphy in the fourth and sixth, finally putting the champion down for a count in the ninth. Somehow, Murphy managed to survive a terrible pounding and got back on top in the 10th.

Mutti was practically punched-out by the 11th, and Murphy marshalled all his resources to finish the session, setting the stage for one of the most bizarre endings in modern boxing history the following round.

The hard-earned victory was Murphy's 23rd straight, and his 20th knockout. It was also the second defense of the title he won from Marvin Camel in October of 1984.

(10-19-85)

## ZAPATA-GONZALEZ
### *Vacant WBA Flyweight Title*

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Two-time WBC light flyweight champion Hilario Zapata, 112, Panama City, won the vacant World Boxing Association flyweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision over Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif., 111¼, at the Nuevo Panama Arena.

The bout was closer than the scoring would suggest. Referee Luis Sulbaran of Venezuela had it 148-144; and judge Uriel Rivero Aguilera of Colombia scored 149-142. *The Ring* saw it 145-144, Zapata.

Zapata, who broke his left forearm in a street brawl with a policeman about two months earlier, apparently reinjured the arm in the first session against Gonzalez. From then on, he fought almost a one-armed battle—keeping his opponent at bay with a long jab that had little power.

Gonzalez tried in vain to land his best punch—a short left hook. There were no knockdowns, and neither man sustained much damage.

This was the second bout between Zapata and Gonzalez, the Panamanian having won a 10-round unanimous decision over the Los Angeles-based Mexican in their first meeting for the right to meet WBA champion Santos Laciar of Argentina. When the only promoter interested in a Laciar-Zapata rematch (Santos had outscored the Panamanian in 1984) only offered $55,000 to be split between the fighters, Laciar resigned the crown and moved up to the junior bantamweight division. The WBA then sanctioned Zapata vs. Gonzalez for the vacant title.

Slightly over 8,000 fans paid around $65,000 to see the six-bout card. Such are the realities of boxing.

Edgar Monserrat won a unanimous decision over two-time WBC super flyweight champion Rafael Orono, 10. Monserrat, who gave Orono a neat boxing lesson, is now 12-1.

Francisco Fernandez TKO'd Bernardo Checa at 1:01 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Carlos Berrocal halted the one-sided contest with Fernandez hitting Checa on the ropes at will. Fernandez is the WBC's sixth ranked junior lightweight.

Hermogenes Murillo, the WBA's 10th ranked junior flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Victor Sierra in a dull 10.

Junior welterweight Mario Moreno went to 7-0-1 by stopping Jose (Sugar Ray) Williams at 1:42 of round three.

Jaime Urriola TKO'd Humberto Sosa at 2:10 of the second in the opening six-rounder. Urriola, a junior lightweight, was coming off a long lay-off.

(10-05-85)

**JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET**

## CRUZ-YOUNG
### *New York State Junior Welterweight Title*

NEW YORK, N.Y.—ANGEL (El Bravo) Cruz exhibited his usual guts, Ricky Young fought an unwise fight, to say the least, and Cruz held on to his New York State junior welterweight title after 12 rounds at the Felt Forum.

Cruz had narrowly outpointed Young to win the vacant crown in this same ring last year. The general consensus was that Young had taken his man lightly. Ricky, it was figured, would win this return bout, and go on to a top 20 ranking after one more fight.

But it didn't work that way, as Young, 140, Harlem, won the first two rounds by staying on the outside, and then blew most of the next eight frames by fighting Cruz's fight. Ricky became stationary, and invited Cruz's gutsy charges. El Bravo can't box, and he can't punch. But if you let him, he will beat you. Ricky let him.

Young went back to boxing in the last two frames, but all three official ballots went to Cruz, 7-5 in rounds. Angel, who drew with Felix Santiago in his first state title defense, is now 19-5-2 with five knockouts. Young is 15-2 with six kayoes. Johnny LoBianco refereed.

Cruz will now defend his title against James (Buddy) McGirt, the NABF's number one contender. It looks like a sure win for McGirt, but one can never tell about El Bravo.

Iran Barkley, 161, Bronx, New York, knocked out former USBA middleweight champion Wilford Scypion, 160½, with a right hand in 2:59 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Barkley is now 16-3 with 12 kayoes. Scypion is 29-8 with 22 knockouts. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. Scypion should pack it in.

Gino Gelormino, 130, Levittown, New York, won a unanimous decision over Elijah Muhammad, also 130, Newark, N.J., 10. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 7-2-1; George S. Colon and Harold Lederman, both 7-3. Joe Santarpia, referee. Gelormino is now 20-1 with 14 knockouts. Muhammad is 10-3-1 with two kayoes.

Kenny Styles, 161½, New York, TKO'd Colombia's Horacio Perez, 160, now boxing out of New York, at 1:56 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Rene Resto, 129, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Sammy Mejias, 131, Paterson, N.J., six. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 5-1; Colon, 3-2-1; Lederman, 4-2. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Henry Hughes, 140½, Cleveland, closed the show with a unanimous (all 4-0) decision over David Colon, 138½, Bayshore, four. Johnny LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.

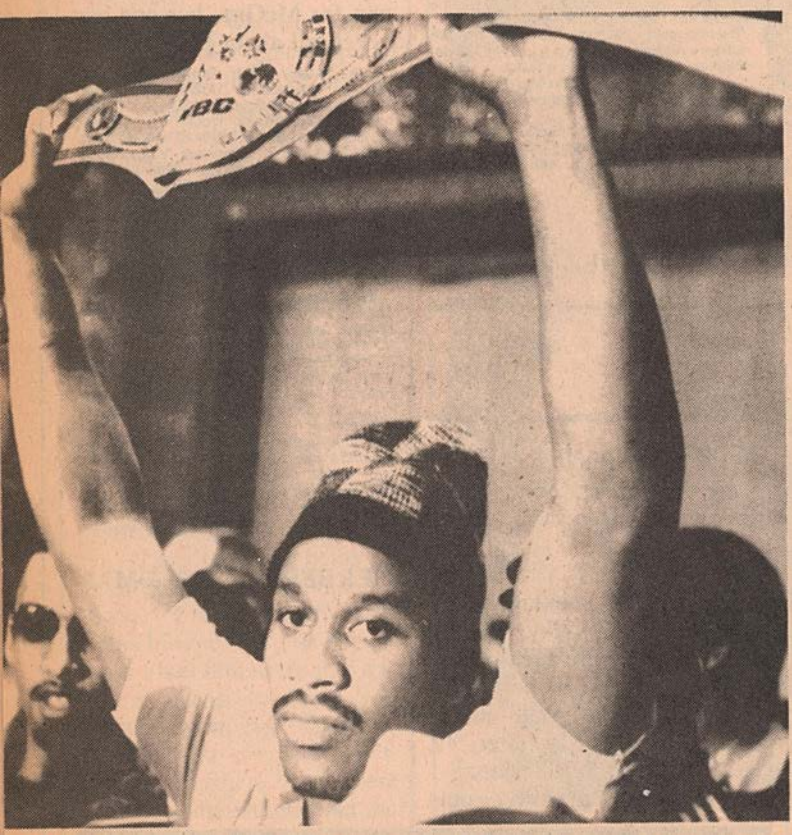
(11-01-85)

**HERBERT G. GOLDMAN**

# IN SEARCH OF A CHAMPION

**A Look At The Heavyweight Muddle**

**by Joseph D'O'Brian**



*Tim Witherspoon displays the WBC belt that he held briefly before losing to Pinklon Thomas in his first defense. Since then, "Terrible Tim" has put together a string of wins and will soon battle Tony Tubbs for the WBA version of the crown.*

MY FIRST REACTION WHEN MICHAEL SPINKS BEAT LARRY Holmes last fall was, "Great!" Not only did I win over a thousand bucks in bets, but I figured the win was good for boxing as well. Here was a new champ who was marketable, personable, and who had the goods to make his claim stick and hold onto it for a few years. That was what I figured. Now, I'm not so sure.

The reason I can't be so sure is that Michael Spinks doesn't seem so sure, himself.

Michael Spinks is the heavyweight champion of the world. His is the only legal or moral claim worth taking seriously. But the state of boxing today is such that, like it or not, Spinks will have to cement this claim. To be accepted by the general populace, Spinks will have to make frequent, high-profile defenses against deserving opponents. If he doesn't do this, he'll be a walking joke that nobody will bother to laugh at.

Lately, Spinks has been talking about defending his title against the likes of Bernard Benton, Tex Cobb, Gerry Cooney, or even his brother Leon. Not one word has issued from his lips about guys like Thomas, Witherspoon, Holmes or Williams.

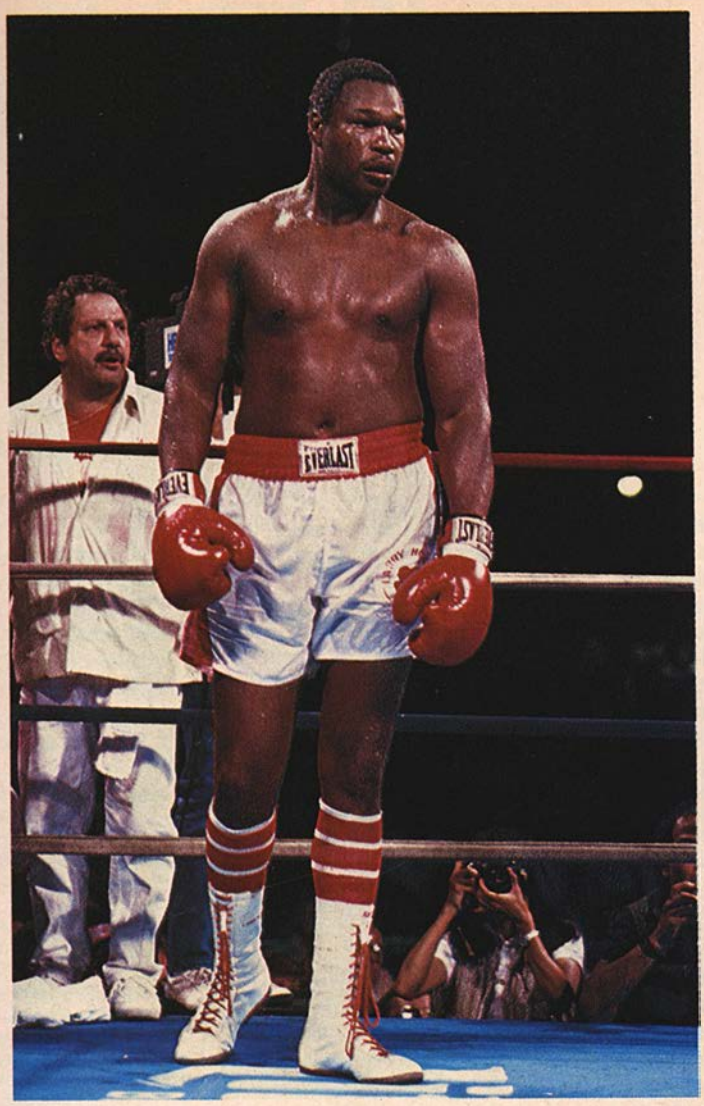
The reason for this has to be fear. Apparently he feels that his victory over Holmes was sheer accident, something he'll never be able to repeat. I'd be happy as hell to see Spinks live up to his potential, both as a fighter and as a celebrity. But it doesn't look like he will. The best we can hope for, I think, is for some fellow with talent and drawing power to accidentally land a match with Spinks and knock the crown off his head. Maybe this guy will have such respect for boxing that he'll understand his main duty as heavyweight champ, which is to be boxing's good-will ambassador to the rest of the world.

Boy, do we need a heavyweight champ who understands that part of the job! I'm not just talking about a guy who can draw a big gate. I'm talking about a guy who can get people to like boxing again.

When Spinks began his reign, I figured he might be the one, and that he'd establish himself pretty early. My best-case scenario was that Pinklon Thomas would beat Trevor Berbick easily, Tim Witherspoon would beat Tony Tubbs easily, and Spinks would win a decision over Carl Williams. Then Thomas would beat Witherspoon in a rematch, leading to one helluva match with Spinks for the undisputed title, sometime in late 1986. The winner (probably Spinks) would then combine his abilities as a fighter with his abilities as a salesman, and boxing would suddenly be healthier than it's been since the 1950s. Oh, well.

We all know what's going to happen now. The merry-go-round of champs, half-champs and outright pretenders will progress on into infinity, Don King will make a lot of money, and the number of boxing fans in the civilized world will dwindle to the size of the Poughkeepsie Society of Left-Handed Lithuanians. And what really makes me sick is that all this could be avoided if Michael Spinks would just stand up, pound his chest, and yell, "I can whip any sonofabitch in the house!" Then, of course, he has to be willing to try to back it up.

The fact is that Michael Spinks could get people interested. He showed against Holmes that he's for real as a heavyweight, and that he's a smart fighter besides. We've known all along that he's intelligent, well-spoken, and colorful enough to attract a following as soon as the general public became aware of his existence. But to make people aware, he has to be less concerned with saving his hide and more concerned with being the champ. He wanted it, and now he's got it, so why doesn't he go play with it? You'd almost think that his victory over Holmes came as an unpleasant surprise.

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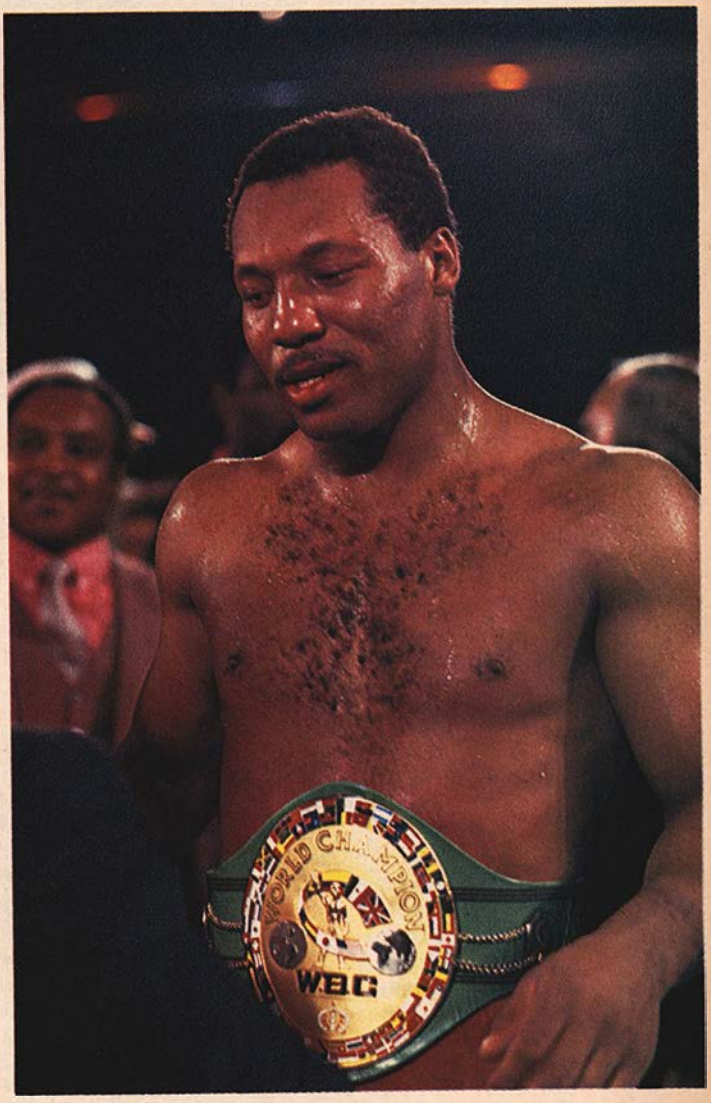
**ALTHOUGH MANY EXPERTS CONSIDER WBC CHAMPION PINKLON THOMAS THE BEST ALL-ROUND FIGHTER AMONG THE HEAVYWEIGHTS, HIS BOX OFFICE APPEAL REMAINS A BIG QUESTION MARK.**

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**FORMER CHAMPION LARRY HOLMES REMAINS AN ENIGMA. ALTHOUGH HOLMES SAID HE WAS GOING TO RETIRE FOLLOWING HIS LOSS TO MICHAEL SPINKS, LARRY NOW SAYS HE WANTS A REMATCH.**

# The RING

### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MICHAEL SPINKS☆** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
6. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
7. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio

11. David Bey 12. James Broad 13. Tony Tucker 14. James Smith 15. Frank Bruno 16. Eddie Gregg 17. Marvis Frazier 18. Jeff Sims 19. Mitchell Green 20. Jesse Ferguson.

### CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**BERNARD BENTON**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
4. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
6. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
8. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
9. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
10. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Ricky Parkey 12. Henry Hearns 13. Boone Pultz 14. Chisanda Mutti 15. Dorcy Gaymon 16. Evander Holyfield, 17. Michael Greer.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
3. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
6. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
7. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
8. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
9. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Grover Robinson 12. Clarence Osby 13. Fulgencio Obelmejias 14. Marvin Mack 15. Evander Holyfield 16. Tim Broady 17. Alex Blanchard 18. Poncho Carter 19. Freddie Guzman.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MARVIN HAGLER* **☆** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Herol Graham** ..... England
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
7. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
8. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea

11. John Collins 12. Mustafa Hamsho 13. Dwight Davison 14. Curtis Parker 15. Murray Sutherland 16. Alex Ramos 17. Mark Holmes 18. Iran Barkley.

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**THOMAS HEARNS**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos☆** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Darnell Knox 12. Lindell Holmes 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Robert Hines 16. Sean Mannion 17. In-Chul Baek, 18. Earl Hargrove 19. Troy Darrell.

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Donald Curry*☆** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England
8. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
9. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
10. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.

11. Marlon Starling 12. Horace Shufford 13. Carlos Trujillo 14. Herman Montes 15. Pedro Vilella 16. Jorge Vaca. 17. Vincent Pettway 18. William Clayton 19. John Munduga 20. Mark Breland.

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Bill Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Aaron Pryor☆** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Leroy Haley 14. Reyes Cruz 15. Brian Baronet 16. Joe Louis Manley 17. Hugo Hernandez 18. Alexis Arguello 19. Eung-Shik Kim 20. Frankie Warren.

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## Ratings as of November 10, 1985

*** WBA CHAMPION**
**** WBC CHAMPION**
**☆ IBF CHAMPION**

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Sammy Fuentes** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Howard Davis, Jr. 12. Bobby Chacon 13. Harry Arroyo 14. Robin Blake 15. Rene Weller 16. Pernell Whitaker 17. Nelson Bolanos 18. Edwin Curet 19. Meldrick Taylor 20. Greg Haugen.

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ*** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
5. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
6. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana

11. Pat Cowdell 12. Rufugio Rojas 13. Jean Marc Renard 14. Barry Michael 15. Dennis Cruz 16. Ruben Castillo 17. Tae-Jin Moon 18. Lester Ellis 19. Edgar Castro 20. Raphe Sims.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**BARRY McGUIGAN*** ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard ☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
7. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Tyrone Jackson** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... West Monroe, La.

11. Jorge Lujan 12. Antonio Rivera 13. Refugio Rojas 14. Adrian Arreola 15. Joe Ruelas 16. Lupe Suarez 17. Sergio Zambrano 18. Tommy Cordova 19. Irving Mitchell 20. Roger Arevalo.

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas

11. Mike Ayala 12. Seung-Hoon Lee 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Tommy Valoy 15. Ramon Dominguez 16. Bernardo Pinango 17. Yun-Kap Choi 18. Samart Payakaroon 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

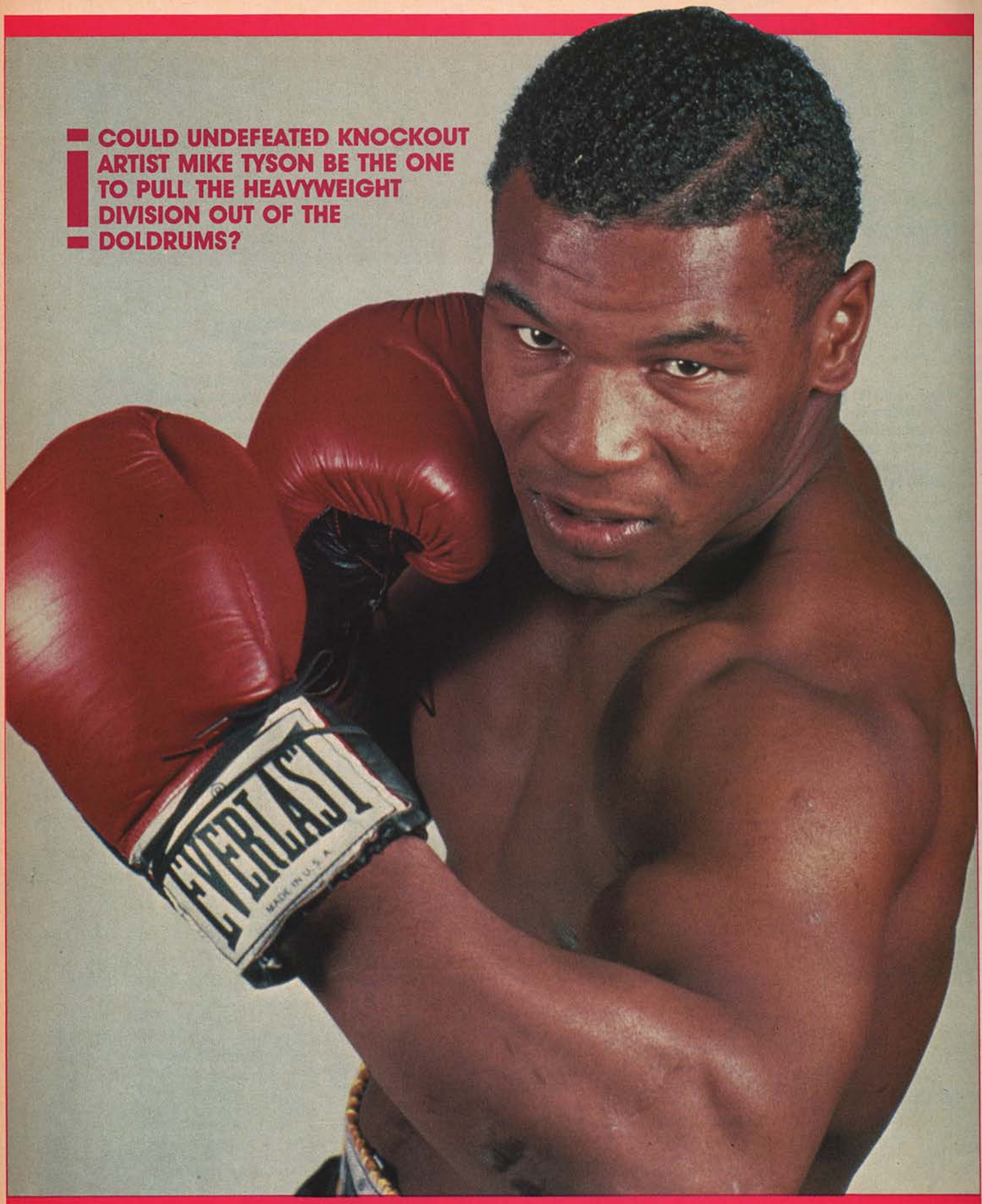
**RICHARD SANDOVAL*** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
5. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
6. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
7. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Edgar Monserrat** ..... Panama
9. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
10. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.

11. Rafael Orono 12. Elly Pical 13. Hurley Snead 14. Enrique Sanchez 15. Santos Laciar 16. Cardenio Ulloa 17. Chan-Young Park 18. Lucio Lopez 19. Jeff Fenech 20. Sam David.

### FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SOT CHITALADA**** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
3. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
4. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Agustin Garcia** ..... Colombia

11. Candido Tellez 12. Javier Lucas 13. Jorge Cano 14. Virgilio Chifundo 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Reinaldo Becerra 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. Myung-Woo Yuh 19. German Torres 20. Antonio Avelar.


COULD UNDEFEATED KNOCKOUT ARTIST MIKE TYSON BE THE ONE TO PULL THE HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS?
EVERLAST
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*Gerry Cooney, seen here on his way to a fourth-round knockout over Phillip Brown, was inactive throughout 1985, but now says he wants a crack at Michael Spinks' IBF heavyweight title.*

So, as I see it now, Spinks is bound to lose his title to almost anyone he might defend against. Talent-wise, he's got it all. Inside, he seems to be so insecure that he might never throw another punch.

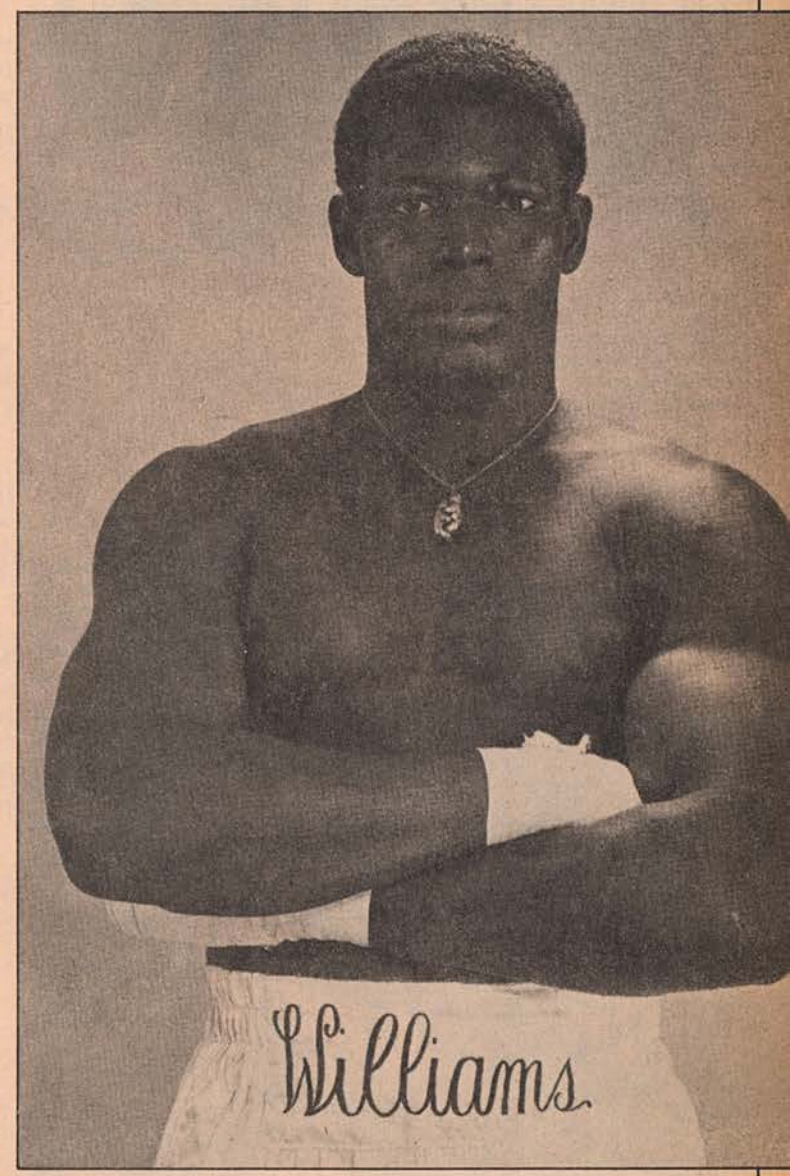
So, the savior of the heavyweight division will have to be the *next* champ. And that being the case, we—the boxing fans—will have to get behind this guy and hale him into the same ring with Michael Spinks, whether the two of them want to get it on or not.

In the interests of sparking a little debate, then, I present here a list of the leading contenders for Spinks' title. Attached to each fighter's name is "D'O'Brian's Right Stuff Rating." This rating is simply my own opinion of each man's potential to do himself and boxing the greatest good, in the ring and out of it.

**PINKLON THOMAS:** Thomas's legal and moral claims on the heavyweight title are nil, but he's probably in a dead heat with Spinks in terms of talent. His fighting style is conventional but very effective. He's marketable on a personal level: He's intelligent and pleasant, and his courageous battle with drugs cries out to be made into a kitschy TV-movie. I've seen him fight many times, and somehow his fights are always exciting. Some call his style boring, but I can't see it. I just see good, clean work, cool and efficient, a little like Joe Louis. Like Louis, Thomas seems to be a shy man (I've only met him once, so I could be wrong), but that didn't keep Louis from being popular. But then, Louis fought occasionally. Thomas has only gone to the post three times in the past two years. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 85%

**CARL WILLIAMS:** Williams has almost unlimited potential, both as a fighter and as a personality. He fought a helluva fight against Holmes; he has speed, power and a fine jab; he's handsome as hell; he's almost erudite in his interviews. If he got to be champ, he might go a long way to proving that boxing is, indeed, the ultimate intellectual sport. But I wonder about Williams' desire. He faded late against Holmes, and a few extra miles of roadwork beforehand would have prevented that. Who's to say he'll run those miles the next time? And one thing roadwork won't help is his chin. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 90%

**LARRY HOLMES:** Holmes really shouldn't be included in this list. He should be staying home and being a businessman, which I hear he's very good at. He could still probably beat 90% of today's heavies, but he'd be a fool to try. But he says he wants to, and if he wants to, he deserves a rematch. Taking out the garbage isn't pleasant either, but some things just have to be done. I sure hope he decides to stay retired after all, though. He and his nasty attitude were barely tolerable when he was champ; as an ex-champ, he's just a *yente*. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 45%




*Carl (The Truth) Williams is one of the brightest young stars on the heavyweight horizon. But will his chin let him down?*

**TONY TUBBS:** Who knows? Who cares? Do we need another Greg Page clone? RIGHT STUFF RATING: 20%

**TIM WITHERSPOON:** Unfortunately, Witherspoon can never be discounted. He's got great potential, but he never seems to work harder than he has to, and consequently never rises above the level of his opposition. This has been his downfall before and it will be again. At any rate, it's not the way to win any fans. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 65%

**FRANK BRUNO:** So Frank Bruno got caught by Bonecrusher Smith! Big hairy deal! Louis got caught before he was champ; so did Dempsey. I like Frank Bruno. He's got the tools, he seems like a nice kid, and wouldn't it be something to see a British heavyweight occupying the throne? Now, *that* would bring in some fans? I just wish he'd fight someone again, so he could earn the shot. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 80%

**MIKE TYSON:** Do you realize we haven't had but two knockout artists on the heavyweight throne—Foreman and Liston—in the past generation? Can you imagine what it would do for this sport if Mike Tyson turns out to be for real? This kid looks like Cleveland Williams, and seems to have the Big Cat's punch. Let's hope he doesn't have Williams' chin. After all, Primo Carnera ran up a lot of knockouts too. We'll see. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 80%

**TREVOR BERBICK:** Berbick is a good second-rater with a lot of heart, but he's never shown greatness. And at his age, he won't. I wish him well, but not as heavyweight champ. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 25%

**MICHAEL DOKES:** I've seen Dokes win several fights, and while I can't be sure, I'd swear there was a funny smell about most of them. Let him win a few fights that really show his superiority, and maybe I'll reassess my opinion. Right now, he's a dime-a-dozen fighter. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 25%

**GREG PAGE:** Geez, I hope not. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 0%

***England's Frank Bruno has bounced back from his knockout loss to Bonecrusher Smith and is once again seeking a shot at the world title.***

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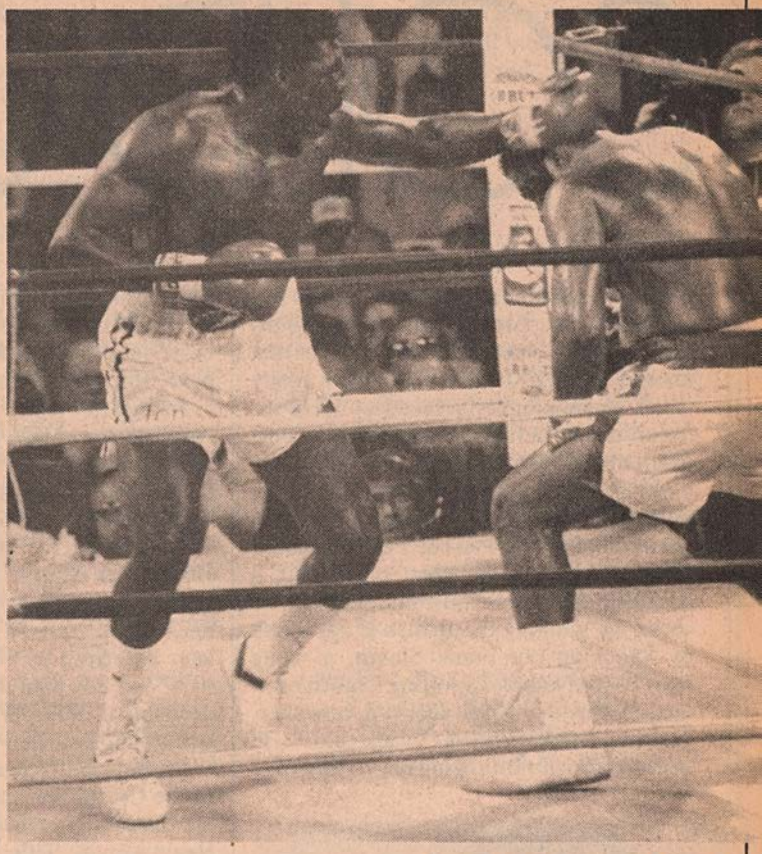


*Tony Tubbs (left) upset Greg Page for the WBA heavyweight title in a dull match in Buffalo, New York. Tubbs is probably one of the least regarded champions since the days of Marvin Hart.*

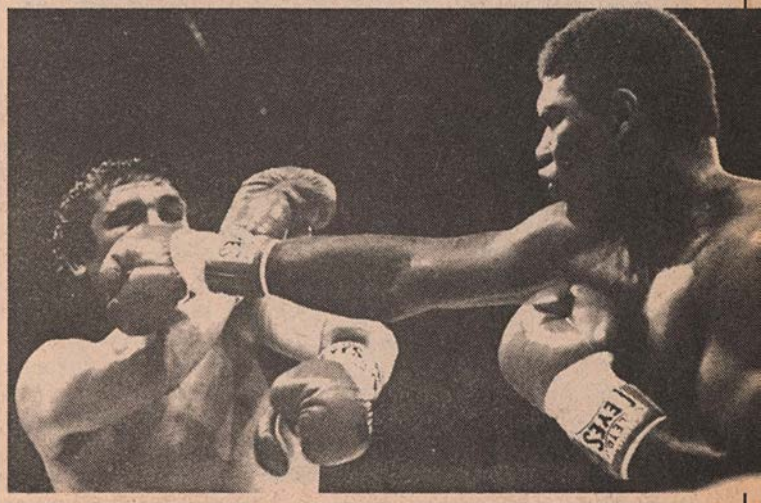
**GERRY COONEY:** Cooney's first shot at the title was probably the most disgusting spectacle I've seen in my 20-plus years as a boxing fan. If, as threatened, this *prima donna* manages to slither into a title shot without working for it the way a black fighter has to, I will do anything in my power to stop him. I'll grant you that Cooney was a good fighter. But Cooney's implication that he deserves a shot now, when he hasn't fought a live body since 1982, shows an utter absence of integrity. And can you imagine the racist crap that'll go on if he gets another shot and *wins*? If he's willing to work for another shot, great. If not, good riddance to him and his loudmouth fans. RIGHT STUFF RATING: minus 100%

**GERRIE COETZEE:** Probably one of the nicest men ever to lace on a boxing glove, and therein lies the problem. Coetzee, with his "B-type" personality, will never have a heart attack. He'll also never have the drive to fulfill his great potential. Coetzee is a hard hitter and a vastly underrated defensive fighter. He's got a heart as big as all outdoors, and as an anti-*apartheid* white South African he'd be a great draw. He's like Ferdinand the bull, I think: he'd rather sit and smell the flowers. Sometimes I wish I were more like that. Sometimes I'm glad I'm not. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 70%

**MARVIS FRAZIER:** The sons of great men may be great themselves, but never in the same way that their fathers were great. This is historical fact, and Marvis Frazier will prove it once again the next time he fights anyone good. RIGHT STUFF RATING: 40%

Now then, Michael Spinks, here's what you should do. Go down this list, read it carefully, and pick one. If you pick one with a rating of 80 or higher, I'll know that you're for real, that you think you're for real, and that you'll convince the fans that you're for real. I'll go out and bet on you again and win another bundle. Pick a Bernard Benton or a Kip Kane, and we'll all know what kind of a champ we've got. □

*Former WBA heavyweight boss Gerrie Coetzee (left) returned to action for the first time since losing the title to Greg Page, outpointing James (Quick) Tillis over 10 rounds in South Africa.*



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# SOLID GOLD MAN

A FRIEND OF MINE FROM CHICAGO HAS requested a history of the Negro heavyweight championship, a title that existed from 1902 to 1932, when many white champs either refused or were induced not to defend their crowns against black challengers.

At the dawn of the gloved era, John L. Sullivan refused to defend his crown against the Black Prince, Peter Jackson. Jackson, born in the West Indies, but a pugilistic product of Australia, capped his career by winning the British Empire title by knocking out Frank Slavin, a white man, at the National Sporting Club in London on May 30, 1892. Jackson, however, never won or claimed a "black title." He became an actor following his victory over Slavin, and did not return to the ring until 1898. Rusty, 36 years old, and past his best, Jackson was kayoed by the young bear, Jim Jeffries, in three rounds.

Jeffries drew the "color line" after he won the world title by knocking out Bob Fitzsimmons the following year. By 1902, there were a number of outstanding black heavyweights who might have beaten Jeffries—Hank Griffin, Jack Johnson, and Denver Ed Martin among them. Griffin and Johnson fought three times in California during 1901-02, fights that Johnson later described as his toughest. The huge (6′4″ and 220 pounds) Griffin won a close decision in their first fight and held the still young Johnson even in the others.

It remained, however, for the manager of the Crystal Palace in Chicago to promote the first bout advertised for the Negro Heavyweight Title—Denver Ed Martin vs. Bob Armstrong, 20 rounds, on July 25, 1902. Martin, a 6′2″ 175-pounder, won the fight on points and was acclaimed the "Negro champion."

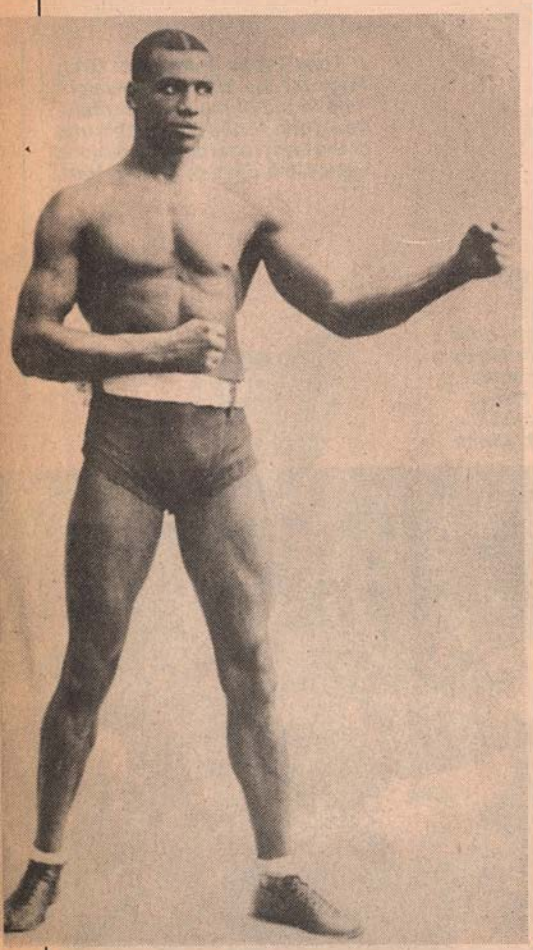
It was inevitable that Griffin or Johnson would challenge. On February 3, 1903, Johnson outscored Martin over 20 rounds in Hazzard's Pavilion in Los Angeles, winning the Negro crown and adding lustre to his own position as the "uncrowned champ," regardless of race. Jack defended the title four times in the next two years, beating Sam McVea three times. Johnson gave the relatively inexperienced McVea a beating in their first fight (February 24, 1903), and did everything but knock him out. Jack beat Sam again on October 27, 1903, and finally knocked him out in San Francisco on April 22, 1904. The kayo punch went over in the 20th and final round.

The steadily improving Johnson knocked out Martin in the second round of a return bout in Los Angeles on October 18, 1904. That marked the end of Jack's 1901-04 stay in California, and of his reign as black champion. Johnson's new manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, succeeding in getting him a fight with Marvin Hart, a white contender, over 20 rounds in San Francisco.

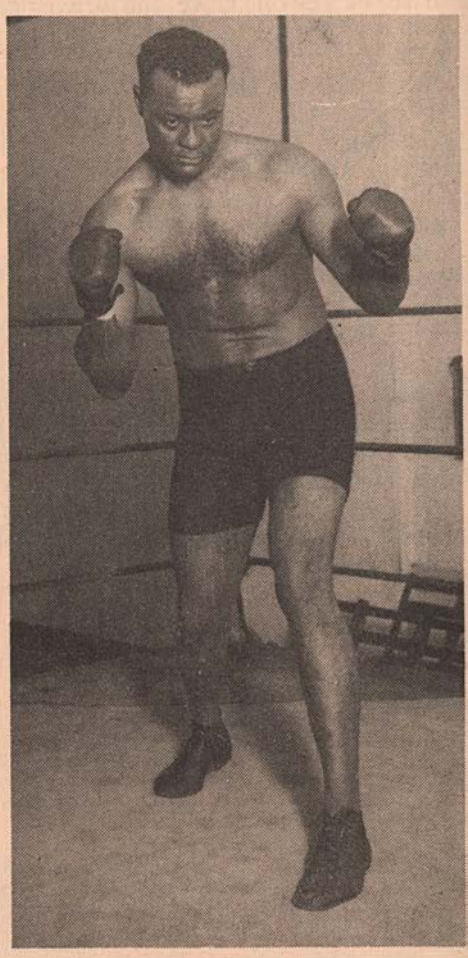
Johnson fought defensively and lost on points. The referee, who gave Hart the decision, was white.

Hart went on to win the world crown vacated by Jeffries. Marvin lost the title to Canada's Tommy Burns, who lost it to Johnson in 1908.

Throughout this time, the black championship had been held in abeyance by Johnson. In 1909, when Johnson refused—for private reasons—to honor a contract and defend against Sam Langford at London's National Sporting Club, the N.S.C. matched Langford with Iron Hague for its version of the world title. Langford knocked out Hague, a white, but his claim to the world title was never taken seriously in the United States. Langford was acknowledged as the "Negro champi-



Bob Armstrong



Harry Wills

on," a title he held at regular intervals until 1918, when the larger, younger Harry Wills knocked him out twice in Panama.

Wills lost the title on a foul in the first round to 6'6" Bill Tate in Portland, Oregon on January 1, 1922. A rematch ended in a draw, but Tate's reign ended six months later, when Langford outpointed him in Tulsa.

The last bout for the Negro heavyweight title took place in Laredo, Texas on September 5, 1932, George Godfrey, the "Leiperville Shadow," knocking out Roy (Ace) Clark in five. Godfrey never made much of the championship, since he won the Int. Boxing Union's version of the world title by outpointing Pierre Charles in October, 1935—another crown that did him little good. Godfrey, who did not fight in 1936, was kayoed by Hank Hankinson on August 10, 1937—his last performance.

By then, of course, Joe Louis was the champ—the *world* champ, not the Negro.

TWO BOOKS ON BOXING HAVE ARrived from Newnes Books, a division of the Hamlyn Publishing Group, Ltd., 84-88 The Centre, Feltham, Middlesex, England TW13 4BH. Here is a brief rundown:

*1986 British Boxing Yearbook*. I gave the premiere (1985) edition a complete review last year. This one is even better, with heights and 1984-85 weight ranges for every active boxer. Records have been added for all British title holders from 1909-29, as well as details re. British title bout venues and complete lists of British title bout eliminators and British Area title bouts from 1929 to the present. Another interesting feature is the *Boxing News* Annual British Ratings since 1948. British boxing is rather seasonal, with few bouts held during the summer, so each *Yearbook* has information through the previous June 30th. A "must" buy for all serious boxing buffs. Hats off to editor Barry J. Hugman for another outstanding job. £6.95 (British money) for the softbound copy.

*Kings of The Ring*. My great mentor, Gilbert Odd, the former editor of *Boxing News*, is responsible for this survey of world heavyweight boxing since the 1880s. With approximately 200 photos, *Kings of The Ring* will interest almost any fan. It's coffee table sized, but soft bound. Price: £4.95. Suggest that all non-Britishers ask Newnes about the costs for mailing. □

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*Fighters, their managers, and their promoters are hereby requested to send their complete professional records, along with name, home city, weight class, height, birthdate, birthplace, and name of manager, to this writer for inclusion in the 1986 Ring Record Book & Boxing Encyclopedia. Please mail all records as soon as you have fought your last fight for 1985. Managers: Include your name, address, and telephone number for inclusion in the Directory of Managers, Promoters, and Trainers. All records will be checked against our own figures, and with outside sources. Mail to:*

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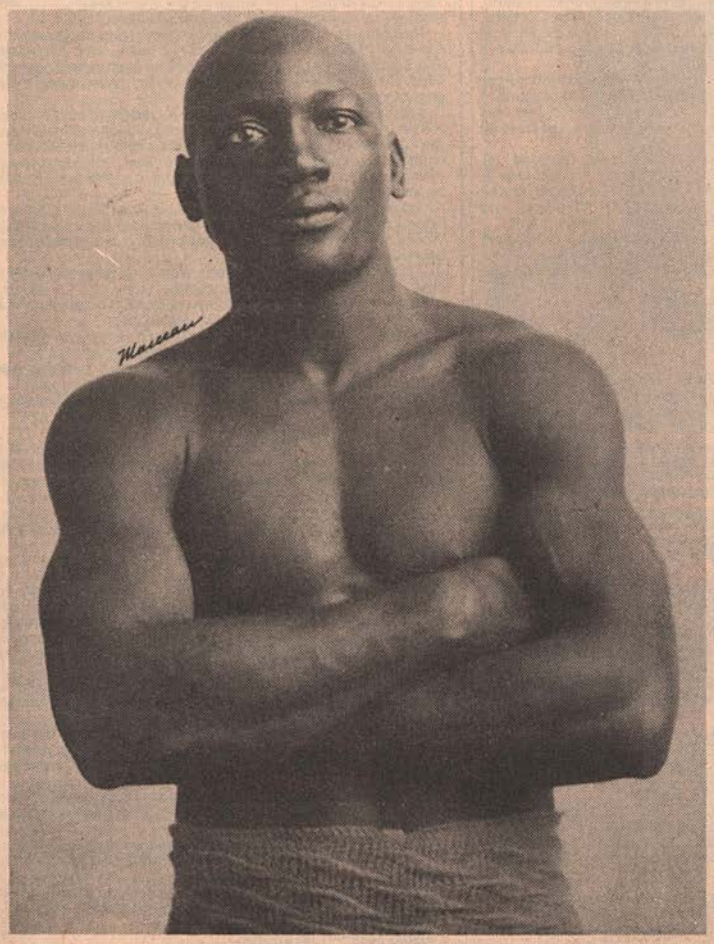
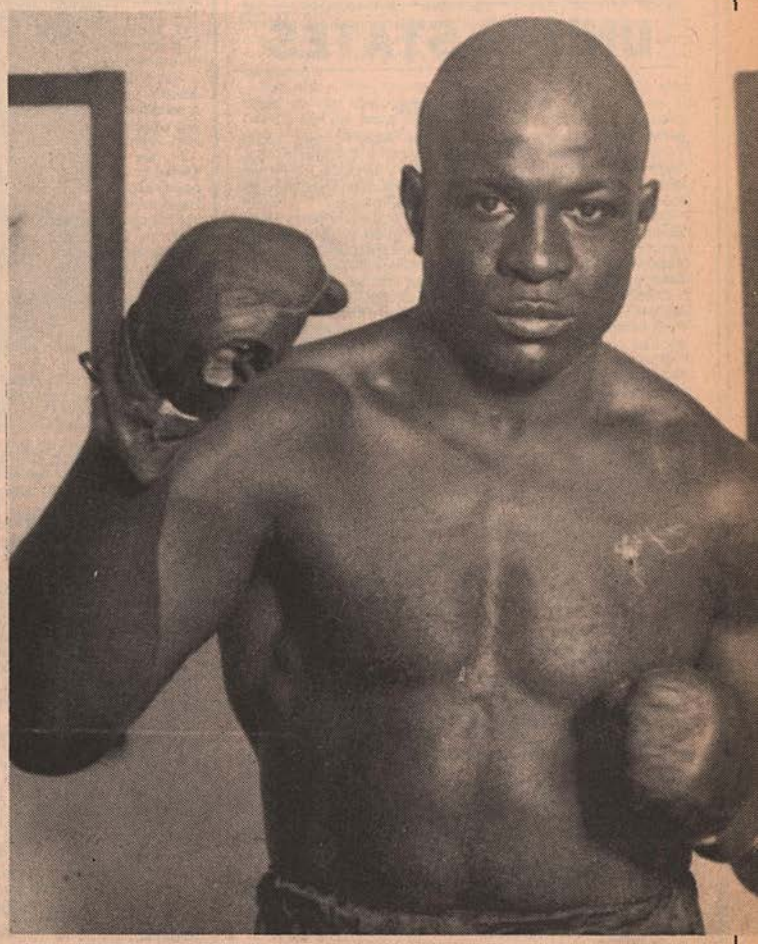




***Jack Johnson***



***George Godfrey***

# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

# NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

▶**CARSON—Civic Center**—Unbeaten Ricky Romero, 113¾, Torrance, knocked out outclassed Vicente Cazarez, 115¾, Tijuana, with a sharp right to the chin in 0:49 of the third round in a scheduled six after sending him to the canvas in the previous round with a left uppercut. John Thomas, referee.

Slugger Carlos Manzano, 120, San Pedro, and boxer Ralph Gutierrez, 119, Los Angeles, fought to a six-round draw in a rematch of their excellent six-rounder, which also ended up even three months earlier. Scoring: referee Kenny Davis, 59-57, Manzano; judge Pat Connolly, 57-57; judge Thomas, 57-57.

Comebacking Glen McGee, 144¾, Compton, blasted useful Marcos Esquivel, 144, El Segundo, to defeat with a right hand-left hook combination in just 1:01 of the first round in their scheduled six. Esquivel fractured his left ankle in falling. Connolly, referee.

Rod Starks, 150, Cypress, kayoed Francisco Diaz, 149½, Culver City, in 1:13 of the second round in a scheduled four. Starks was floored late in the first. Diaz was down twice in the second. Connolly, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(09-11-85)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—J. B. Williamson, 172½, Los Angeles, retained his Forum light heavyweight championship with a close but unanimous win over late rallying Grover Robinson, 174¼, Fremont, 12. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 117-111; judge Marty Denkin, 116-112; judge Larry Rozadilla, 115-114.

Brian Muller, 154½, Las Vegas, easily halted once promising Humberto De Los Rios, 161, Pomona, in 2:38 of the third of a scheduled 10-round Forum middleweight tournament elimination bout. De Los Rios was floored in the second. Denkin, referee.

Francisco Segura, 127½, Coachella, unanimously outscored Gustavo Lopez, 128¼, Los Angeles, in a one-sided six. Vince Delgado, referee.

Glen McGee, 145, Compton, TKO'd Adam Orozco, 146¼, Chino, at 2:47 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Referee Rozadilla's intervention may have been a bit premature.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(09-18-85)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—David Gutierrez, 146½, San Diego, was a near shutout unanimous points winner over Tommy Richardson, 146½, Oakland, eight. Repeating a win in his last outing two months earlier, the unbeaten Gutierrez won all but the final round. Scoring: referee Frank Rustich, 80-72; judge Fritz Werner, 79-75; judge Pat Russell, 80-73.

Unbeaten Rigo Lopez, 147, San Diego, had to work very hard to unanimously defeat surprisingly fit old-timer Mike Mayan, 147, San Diego, eight. Scoring: referee Werner, 79-76; judge Russell, 79-76; judge Rustich, 79-73.

Ruben Proa, 131, San Diego, hustled his way to a bloody unanimous eight-round victory over Javier Tamayo, 130, San Diego. Proa was cut by the left eye and bled from the nose. Scoring: referee Russell, 79-76; judge Rustich, 79-75; judge Werner, 79-75.

In an upset, Juan Neri, 164½, San Diego, won a majority verdict over a heavy-and-wild Drafton Bunch, 161, San Diego, four. Scoring: referee Russell, 39-39; judge Rustich, 39-38; judge Werner, 40-37.

Dominic Parker, 235, San Diego, unanimously outscored survivor Dee Jay, 215, Pomona, four, not losing a round. Werner, referee.

Al Mack, 146, San Diego, ended the unbeaten run of Stewart Baynes, 145, Los Angeles, with a unanimous decision, four, all three officials scoring 39-37. A third round knockout was the difference. Werner, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Elson Erwin, ring announcer.
(09-19-85)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Comebacking Frankie Duarte, 119, Venice, very impressively stopped veteran Ron Cisneros, 117, Topeka, who retired in his corner at the end of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Cisneros was down in the fifth and always on the receiving end. Pat Connolly, referee.

Ralph Gutierrez, 117, Temple City, TKO'd made-to-order Javier Lara, 117, North Hollywood, at 0:27 of the third round in a scheduled six. Gutierrez, a pro for only 11 months, has only two stoppage wins in 16 bouts, both against Lara and both on cuts. Kenny Davis, referee.

Former karate champion Alvin Prouder, 164, Gardena, returned to the ring as a conventional boxer for the first time in nearly two years and halted Juan Neri, 165, San Diego, referee Davis intervening much too quickly at just 1:46 of the first round in their scheduled six after Neri had been floored by a right.

Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, unanimously outslugged previously unbeaten Luis Prado, 118, Fresno, in a punishing four. Scoring: referee Davis, 38-37; judge Connolly, 38-37; judge Tony Guitron, 39-36.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Victor French, promoter.
(09-24-85)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Sean Mannion, 160, Boston, scored a technical win over Billy Robertson, 162, Ingelwood, at the end of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Mannion, cut by the right eye in the fourth and by the right eye in the sixth, was slightly ahead on points, but could not continue after a Robertson head butt opened a jagged cut over his left eye in the seventh. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 68-65, Mannion; judge Rudy Jordan, 68-66, Mannion; judge Robert Byrd, 67-66, Robertson.

Steve Renwick, 154, Wellington, New Zealand, floored Chico Ruiz, 153, Santa Ana, in the second, and went on to unanimously win, eight. Scoring: referee Byrd, 79-72; judge Filippo, 79-73; judge Jordan, 79-74.

Francisco Segura, 126, Coachella, made it six consecutive wins as a professional with a unanimous six-round points victory over struggling former top amateur rival Dino Ramirez, 127, La Puente. Ramirez was floored by a left hook in the fourth. Scoring: referee Jordan, 58-56; judge Filippo, 59-54; judge Byrd, 58-57.

Greg Puente, 128¼, El Monte, knocked out hapless Ruben Guerrero, 131, Los Angeles, in 2:24 of the third round in a scheduled four. Guerrero was down in both the second and the third. Jordan, referee.

Doug Laws, 160, Los Angeles, overcame a slow start, including a point deduction for low blows in the second, to win a four-round split decision over previously unbeaten Tony Paisson, 159, Pasadena. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-37, Laws; judge Byrd, 38-37, Laws; judge Filippo, 38-37, Paisson.

Debuting Shumasuke Soma, 122, Tokoyo, scored two first round knockdowns and unanimously outpointed Alfred Gonzales, 123, Chino, four. Gonzales rallied to make it close. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-37; judge Filippo, 38-36; judge Jordan, 38-37.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdiva, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter.
(09-26-85)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Hard hitting fourth ranked junior welterweight Rene Arredondo, 141½, Los Angeles, knocked out number five WBC contender Saul Julio, 140½, Cartagena, Colombia, in 1:42 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Julio was behind on points after three cautious rounds when he walked straight into a left hook with two minutes remaining in the fourth. Referee John Thomas intervened after a second knockdown.

The WBA's second ranked junior welterweight, Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzales, 142½, Mexico City, halted reluctant late substitute Luis Urraca, 146½, Miami, at 1:19 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Left hooks to the body sent Urraca down late in the fourth. Gonzales continued to score with body punches in the following round, forcing Urraca's corner to throw in the towel. Referee Marty Denkin, disgusted with the Dominican's lack of effort, took a point away in the fourth and refused to acknowledge a fifth round knockdown.

Mexican featherweight champion Marcos Villasana, 128, Acapulco, knocked out obviously out of shape Ricardo Varela, 129, North Hollywood, with a right to the chin in 0:32 of the third round in their scheduled 10. A left hook to the body had floored Varela in the second. Denkin, referee.

Richard Lira, 122¾, El Monte, won a shutout unanimous five-round decision over Ricardo Mendez, 124, Mexico City. Mendez learned to respect Lira's superior quickness and power early and was careful not to get too involved. Chuck Hasett, referee.

Indio Veronica, 156, Los Angeles, floored and halted exhausted trier Granger Korff, 160¾, Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2:45 of the second in a scheduled four. Korff dominated much of a non-stop first before tiring. Hassett, referee.

Fernando Guzman, 132½, Los Angeles, stopped Victor Flores, 133¾, Los Angeles, at 0:50 of the second in their scheduled four. Referee Hassett intervened shortly after a knockdown to save the game Flores from a bad beating.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., timekeeper.
Jim Gilli, promoter.
(09-26-85)

**DEAN LOHUIS**

### CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD—Civic Center Coliseum**—Troy Wortham, 147, Hartford, ran his record to 25-0 with a 10th round TKO victory over former NABF welterweight champion Pedro Vilella, also 147, a southpaw. Sam Maltempo, referee.

The fight was studded with grappling and body slams—almost a preview of the wrestling show held two nights later. The rough-and-tumble tactics reached a climax in the ninth, when Wortham lifted Vilella and slammed him through the lower ropes to the ring apron.

A clash of heads in the last session forced Dr. Steven M. Stein to rule out Pedro, who sustained a vertical inch cut midway on the forehead. Vilella pleaded, but all three officials had Wortham comfortably ahead. Harold Lederman, a New York judge brought in to guard against a "home town" verdict, had Wortham leading by the largest margin—7-2 in rounds.

Led by Athletic Director Gordon McCullough, about 1,000 University of Hartford students, plus the school band, supported Wortham's bid for national recognition. Troy is a senior at the university, and a campus idol.

Tyrone Booze, 180½, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Pablo Pizarro, 181, Brooklyn, 10.

Edwin Rodriguez, 143, Hartford, stopped Al Jackson, 144, Bridgeport, in the fourth frame of a slated six.

Hassan Shabazz, 204, Hartford, halted Jimmy Allen, 188, Bridgeport, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Victor King, 157, Bridgeport, won a majority decision over Herman DeLerme, 155, New York, four.

Officials—Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney, Bob Muravnick, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Ring Announcer—Bob Steele.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein.
Attendance—2,540. Gross—$30,540.
(10-18-85)

**JOSEPH CASSANO**

### FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI—Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium**—Mario Miranda, 132, Colombia, TKO'd Perico Barboza, 126, Mexico, at 2:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Bernie Soto, referee.

Eddie Gregg, 222, New York, won a unanimous decision over Mike Perkins, 207, Hallandale, Fla., 10. Gregg won nine of the 10 rounds. Bill Connors, referee.

Martin Rojas, 142¾, Colombia, kayoed Ed Fling, 147, Miami, with a right to the jaw in 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Harry Brennan, referee.

Robinson Pitalva, 126¼, Colombia, won a unanimous decision over Tarzan Gonzolas, 128, Miami, six. Harry Brennan, referee. Pitalva drowned while swimming in a lake in South Miami two days later.

Roy Estades, 132, Miami, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Reese Smith, 134, Miami, six. Bernie Soto, referee. Estades is now 13-0.

Gilberto Colon, 166, Miami, TKO'd Sonny Jones, 164, Miami, at 1:10 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Bill Connors, referee.

David Rivello, 134¼, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Nestor Zuintana, 135¾, Miami, four. Harry Brennan, referee.

Promoters—Tuto Zabala, Jorge Godoy.
Matchmaker—Tuto Zabala.

Ring Announcer—Alan Toor.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(09-20-85)

▶**HIALEAH—Sheraton Americas Hotel**—Cornelius Drane, 140, Miami's "Fighting Policeman," won a unanimous decision over Bobby Van, 139, Ft. Lauderdale, eight. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Roberto Riasco, 158, Miami, won a split decision over Richard Brown, 160, Hallandale, six. Bill Connors, referee.

Robert Daniels, 174, Miami, TKO'd Mike DeAngelo, 175, Miami, at 2:11 of the second round in a scheduled six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

James Waring, 185, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Gregg Payne, 190, Miami, six. Bill Connors, referee.

Orlando Sosa, 118, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Darryl Pickney, also 118, Hallandale, four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Two female bouts spiced up the card. Tracy Landy, Hallandale, scored a first round TKO when Lori Mae Preusser, Miami, wrenched her shoulder. Sue Slavicek, North Miami, won a split decision over Lee Ann Knight, Miami.

Promoter—Julio Martinez.
Attendance—350.
(09-27-85)

▶**DAYTONA BEACH**—Darryl Fromm, 155, Daytona Beach, won a majority decision over John LaRue, 150, Daytona Beach, eight.

Four-rounders: Mike Pachico, 170, Orlando, TKO'd Larry Summerset, 172, Orlando, at 2:05 of the fourth and final session. Larry Barfield, 154, Orlando, TKO'd Allen Briscoe at 1:10 of the third. Zak Mastralas, 129, Miami, knocked out T. Richardson, 127, Jacksonville, in 2:36 of the first. Chris Rizzo, 140, St. Petersburg, TKO'd Wayne Wilson, also 140, Daytona Beach, at 2:40 of round one. Lucius Kirkley, 289, Daytona Beach, kayoed Joe Bailey, 210, Ft. Myers, Fla., in 2:10 of the first round. Milton Murphy, 230, Pierson, Fla., TKO'd Frank Bosse, 240, Haines City, Fla., at 1:40 of round four.

Referees—Victor Perez, Ron Hill.
Promoter—Kent Foyer.
Attendance—300 (estimated).
(10-02-85)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—Glenn Wolfe, 150, Miami, avenged his sole pro loss with a TKO victory over Steve Little, 149½, Reading, Pa., in a scheduled 10. Little, who tired in the seventh and eighth sessions, refused to answer the bell for the ninth round. Wolfe is now 18-1 with 14 kayoes. Little is 11-4-1.

Willie McGee, 148, Ft. Myers, and Anthony Bryant, 146½, Nashville, Tenn., drew, eight. Scoring: referee Brian Garry 76-75, McGee; judge Darrell Brown, 79-74, Bryant; judge Rich Carli, 76-76. McGee, who wants a rematch, is now 7-6-2. Bryant is 11-7-1. Most of those at ringside gave the fight to Bryant.

Keith Stevenson, 134, Tampa, TKO'd John Cajina, also 134, Miami, at 2:11 of the first round with three knockdowns. Mike Boggs, referee. Stevenson is now 17-1 with eight kayoes. Cajina, who took the bout on one day's notice, is 27-11.

Dale Robinson, 155½, St. Petersburg, won a unanimous decision over Nathan (Buzzy) Ziegler, also 155½, six. Robinson is now 8-0. Ziegler is 5-3.

Eric Holley, 175½, Tampa, TKO'd Mike Norris, 168, Pensacola, at 1:42 of round three. Brian Garry, referee. Holley is now 12-0 with eight knockouts. Norris is 7-3.

Former amateur star Jay Bell, 150½, Chattanooga, Tenn., TKO'd Charles Childers, 151½, Russell, Ky., at 0:29 of the first session with combos to the head. Mike Boggs, referee. Bell is now 6-0—all knockouts. Childers is 2-3.

Terry Anderson, 210, Pensacola, TKO'd Tim Miller, 209¼, Russell, Ky., at 0:42 of the first round. Mike Boggs, referee. Anderson is now 5-0 with four kayoes. Miller is 7-11.

Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—Dick Howroyd.
Ring Announcer—Ron Diaz.
Ringside Physicians—Marcus Lorenzo, Donald Mellman, Jack Guggino.
Alessi Promotions. Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—973.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
TV Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(09-18-85)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—John Munduga, 148½, Kampala, Uganda, won a unanimous (100-90, 100-91, 98-92) decision over Dexter Smith, 149¾, Miami, 10. Max Parker, Jr., referee. A methodical performance by the undefeated African, who raised his record to 21-0 with 16 kayoes. Smith is 24-19-4.

Joe Louis, 163, Atlanta, Ga., in 1:04 of round five. Brian Garry, referee. Louis is 9-3 with six knockouts. Stackhouse is 16-3.

Leland Hart, 151½, Atlanta, Ga., won a unanimous (58-57, 60-57, 58-56) decision over Dale Robinson, 154¾, St. Petersburg, six. Hart is now 15-9-3. Robinson, down in the third, is 8-1 with five kayoes.

Terry Anderson, 208, Pensacola, knocked out Marcus Dorsey, 192, Port Arthur, Texas, in 0:50 of the second. Anderson is now 6-0 with five kayoes. Dorsey is 8-11-2.

Alfonso Harris, 156½, tampa, TKO'd Steve Lobdell, 155¾, Lake Worth, Fla., at 1:07 of the second in a scheduled four. Brian Garry, referee. Harris is now 2-3 with two kayoes. Lobdell is 0-4.

Karry Allen, 124, Tampa, won a unanimous (all three cards 40-35) decision over Darren Neal, 130, Port Arthur, four. Allen is now 3-1-1. Neal is 4-10-1.

Dion Burgess, 258, Pensacola, won a unanimous (40-37, 40-37, 40-36) decision over O.T. Davis, 222½, Miami, four. Burgess is now 3-0. Davis is 10-11.

Judges—Darrell Brown, Tom Brown, Wilson Robinson.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—Dick Howroyd.
Ring Announcer—Ron Diaz.
Ringside Physicians—Lee Kadosa, Jack Guggino, Marcus Lorenzo.
Alessi Promotions. Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—806.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
TV Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(10-02-85)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Shrine Temple**—Keith Stevenson, 132½, Tampa, won a majority decision over Shelton LeBlanc, 130¼, Carencro, La., 10. Scoring: judge Tom Brown, 98-95; judge Darrell Brown, 98-93; judge Pete Valiente, 96-96. Stevenson, who lost the first four rounds but won the latter six, is now 18-1 with nine knockouts. LeBlanc, a southpaw, is 18-2.

Harvey hester, 142, Tampa, TKO'd Cornelius Drane, also 142, Miami, at 1:10 of round four. Hester is now 20-0 with 12 kayoes. Drane is 9-4-2.

Clifford Gray, 138¾, Tampa, TKO'd Richard Lester, 135, Jacksonville, at 2:00 of round six. Gray is now 9-1-1 with five kayoes. Lester is 9-7-1.

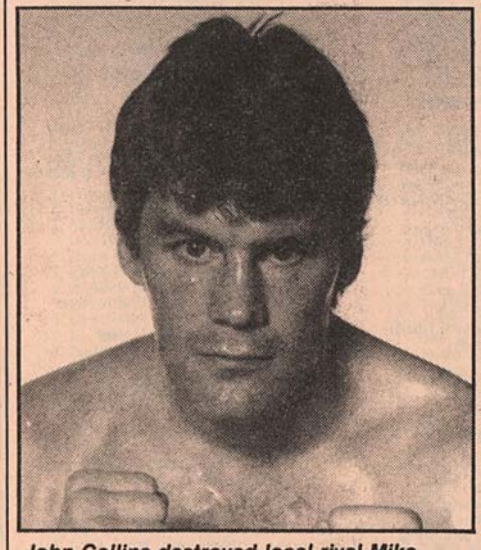
Eric Holley, 174½, Tampa, TKO'd Reggie Neal, 176¾, Miami, at 1:41 of the third round. Mike Boggs, referee. Holley is now 13-0 with 10 kayoes. Neal is 6-5.

Jerry Smith, 139, Birmingham, Ala., won a unanimous (40-36, 40-37, 39-38) decision over Jo Jo Harris, 135, Tampa, four. Smith is now 2-1, the same as Harris.

Troy Davis, 133½, Tampa, won a unanimous (39-38, 40-37, 39-37) decision over Keith McKinney, 131¼, Jacksonville, four. Davis is now 6-5-1. McKinney is 2-3.

Larry Joe Goodman, 154¾, Tampa, won a majority decision over Larry Mack, 156, Hawthorne, Fla., four. Scoring: Tom Brown and Pete Valiente, both 39-38; Darrell Brown, 39-39. Goodman, who fights about once every two years, is now 2-1. Mack is 7-4.

Referees—Brian Garry, Max Parker, Jr., Mike Boggs.
Judges—Tom Brown, Darrell Brown, Pete Valiente.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—dick Howroyd.
Ring Announcer—Ron Diaz.
Ringside Physicians—Donald Mellman, Jack Guggino.
Alessi Promotions. Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,007.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
TV Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(10-16-85)



***John Collins destroyed local rival Mike Landini with a fifth-round TKO in a grudge match between former sparring partners that drew a record-breaking gate in Chicago.***

## ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—University of Illinois Pavilion**—USBA middleweight champion John Collins, 161, Chicago, TKO'd Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 159, Chicago, at 2:47 of the fifth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Nate Morgan, referee.

George Navarro, 127, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Benny Marquez, 129, Chicago, eight. Stanley Berg, referee. Marquez announced his retirement after the bout.

Darryl Curtis, 142, Chicago, went to 10-0-1 with a unanimous decision over Angel Rodriguez, 141, Chicago, six. Stanley Berg, referee.

Four-rounders: Jimmy Valleyfield, 178, Chicago, TKO'd Tony Tyler, 170½, at 2:58 of the second. Bernard Hightower, 176, Chicago, TKO'd Lamoria Adams, 177½, Lexington, Ky., at 2:32 of the second. Loui Lomeli, 139, knocked out Roy Huntley, 141, Milwaukee, with three punches in 0:44 of the first round. bob Hitzelburger, 216, Chicago, TKO'd Evaristo Villegas, 205, Sterling, Ill., at 1:40 of the first. Gary Moore, 138, Chicago, won a majority decision over Forrest Lee, also 138, St. Louis.

Judges—Jerry Hults, William Lerch, Al Tremari.
Timekeeper—kenny Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Prooters—Cedric Kushner, Ernest Terrell.
Attendance—6,602. Gross—$181,797.
(10-11-85)

NIGEL COLLINS

## LOUISIANA

▶**LAFAYETTE—Municipal Auditorium**—Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La., retained his Southern Boxing Association lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Dwayne Primm, Fort Worth, Texas, 12. LeBlanc is now 18-1. Primm is 16-8.

Louisiana State junior lightweight champion Kenneth Vice, Youngsville, La., TKO'd Jeff Goodwin, New Orleans, at 2:09 of the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Vice is now 16-1. Goodwin is 16-8.

Robert Jolivette, Lafayette, La., and Reggie Robinson, Fort Worth, drew, eight.

Boyd Tahan, Plaquemine, La., went to 5-0 (three kayoes) with a unanimous decision over Jerome Brooks, New Orleans, six.

Joe McKnight, New Orleans, TKO'd Donald Varnado, Mandeville, La., in the third. McKnight is now 10-3.

Referee—E.P. Shreve.
Judges—Dot LeBlanc, Billy Roth.
Timekeeper—George LeBlanc.
Ring Announcer—Rene Prejean.
Ringside Physician—J. Lee Leonard, M.D.
Top Pro Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker—Nolton J. Menard.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated). Gross—$20,000 (estimated).
(09-24-85)

## MARYLAND

▶**PIKESVILLE—Armory**—George Chaplin, 214, Baltimore, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Melvin Epps, 190, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In a scheduled six, Alex Stanley, 175, Baltimore, TKO'd Juan Calixto, 170, Lancaster, Pa., at the 2:11 mark of round five.

In a scheduled six, Greg Keys, 142, Baltimore, TKO'd Jimmy Lyons, 140, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2:24 of round four.

In a scheduled four, Keith Grimes, 135, Baltimore, TKO'd Larry Watson, 134, Philadelphia, at 1:11 of round four.

Nate Hart, 165, Richmond, Virginia, won a four round unanimous decision over Ernie White, 156, Charleston, W. Virginia.

Leon Luckman Boxing.
(09-18-85)

▶**BALTIMORE—Fifth Regiment Armory**—Junior welterweights abound in this Maryland city, and Eddie (Speedy) Van Kirk is supposedly near the head of the class. Well, if this night's performance is any gauge, Speedy better quickly get some more schooling.

Van Kirk, 141½, moved his overall record to 14-3 with what could well be considered a hometown split decision over 10 rounds with the jaded but oh-so-cute Jose (Speedy) Gonzales, 135, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Yes, Speedy did beat Speedy, but which one was it? Many in the rather small crowd of approximately 525 felt that the visitor had befuddled the local lad enough to have received the nod. Judge Frank Kelly agreed with his 97-95 card for Jose, but he was out voted by a 96-95 on the card of Ray Klingmeyer, and a rather surprisingly wide tally of 98-93 for Van Kirk from Tom Kelly. *The Ring* saw it 96-94, Gonzales.

Eddie basically fought Joses' fight; following him around the ring, trying to box with a cutie pie, rather than using his physical advantages to do some inside rough-housing. As the bout wore on, the confidence in Jose went along for the ride, and the crowd picked up on his tricks and guile. Anybody for a re-match? The referee was Frank Kelly.

In a scheduled eight, D.J. Turner, 139½, Baltimore, won by a TKO at 1:03 of round three over Tim Davis, 136½, Baltimore. Turner was too strong to the body and Davis was dropped twice in that third session. The referee was Terry Moore.

Southpaw Gregory Carter, 150, Baltimore, had a successful pro debut, winning a four round unanimous decision Robert Jackson, 149, Hampton, Virginia. The referee was Larry Barrett.

Phil Gilberti, 195, Kensington, Meree, upped his mark to 3-0, as he KO'd the debuting Anthony Fitch, 194, Seat Pleasant, Maryland, at 1:50 of round one, scheduled for four. Fitch was dropped once by a left hook. The referee was Ray Klingmeyer.

Judges—Also working on a rotating basis were Larry Barrett and Terry Moore.
Timekeeper—Harry Cecchini.
Baltimore's Best Boxing.
Matchmaker—Sherman Davis.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni.
(09-25-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

## MASSACHUSETTS

▶**DARTMOUTH—Lincoln Park Ballroom**—Local hero David Gauvin, 116, Fall River, Mass., returned from Texas to win a majority decision over Larry Cheatham, 112, Philadelphia, eight. Cheatham started fast and opened a gash ooutside Gauvin's right eye early in round two, but the youngster relied on a punishing body attack to turn the tide. Scoring: referee Clarence Yates, 78-74, Gauvin; judge Ray Delicio, 79-74, Gauvin; judge Mauro Consiglio, 77-77. Gauvin is now 7-0.

Bob Guiducci, 141, Braintree, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Emilio Rabago, 140, Melrose, Mass., six.

Hector Mercedes, 191, Lowell, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Kevin Denson, 187, Providence, R.I., six.

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# UNITED STATES RATINGS
# BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION

**(As of November 1, 1985)**

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Greg Page (Kentucky)
4. Carl Williams (New York)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
7. Mike Weaver (California)
8. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
9. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Eddie Gregg (New York)
12. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
13. James Smith (North Carolina)
14. Jeff Sims (Florida)
15. Mitchell Green (New York)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Boone Pultz (New Jersey)
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (California)
3. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
4. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
5. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
6. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
7. Dorey Gaymon (Florida)
8. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
9. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
10. Mark Lee (Nevada)
11. Lionel Byarm (Pennsylvania)
12. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
13. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
14. Henry Hearns (California)
15. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
4. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
5. Junior Edmonds (New Jersey)
6. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
7. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
8. David Sears (New York)
9. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
10. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
11. Clarence Osby (Wisconsin)
12. Mike Sedillo (California)
13. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
14. Grover Robinson (California)
15. James Salerno (Florida)

**SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
3. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
4. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
5. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
6. Joe Louis (Florida)
7. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
8. Charles Carter (Washington)
9. Ricky Stackhouse (Georgia)
10. Frank Minton (Indiana)
11. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
12. ken Styles (New York)
13. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
14. Jay Strickland (Texas)
15. Dale Jackson (Illinois)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
4. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
5. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
8. Don Lee (Indiana)
9. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
10. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
11. Iran Barkley (New York)
12. Carl Jones (California)
13. Doug DeWitt (New York)
14. Dwight Walker (Pennsylvania)
15. Bernard Mays (Michigan)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Mark Medal (New York)
5. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
6. Ken Shannon (Virginia)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Troy Darrell (New York)
9. Fred Hutchings (California)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
11. Mark McPherson (New Jersey)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
14. James Green (New Jersey)
15. Benito Fernandez (South Carolina)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Simon Brown (D.C.)
3. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
4. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
5. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
6. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
7. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
8. Pedro Vilella (New York)
9. Roman George (Louisiana)
10. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
11. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
12. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
13. Diomedes Colome (California)
14. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
15. Derrick Kelley (California)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
3. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
4. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
5. Frankie Warren (Texas)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
7. Bill Costello (New York)
8. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
9. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
10. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
11. John Meekins (New York)
12. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
13. Harvey Hester (Florida)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. Brian Brunett (Minnesota)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
1. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
2. Terrence Alli (New York)
3. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
5. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
6. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Robin Blake (Texas)
9. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
10. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
11. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
12. Walter Sims (California)
13. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
14. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
15. John Montes (California)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
2. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
3. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
4. Lupe Suarez (California)
5. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Irving Mitchell (California)
8. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
9. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
10. Refugio Rojas (California)
11. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
12. Lenny Valdez (California)
13. Juan LaPorte (New York)
14. Dana Roston (Nevada)
15. Rocky Garcia (California)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
5. Mike Ayala (Texas)
6. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
7. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Jorge Ramirez (California)
9. Oscar Muniz (California)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
11. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
12. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
13. Andres Tena (New York)
14. Earnie Johnson (California)
15. Richard Varela (California)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Sam David (New Jersey)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Frankie Duarte (California)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Harold Petty (Texas)
8. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
9. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
10. James Pipps (Texas)
11. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. James Manning (Oregon)
14. Ruben Solario (California)
15. Osvaldo Acevedo (Florida)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
2. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
3. Ian Clyde (California)
4. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
7. Mario Savala (California)
8. Robert Robinson (Pennsylania)
9. Troy Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
10. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
11. Alecides Morales (Florida)
12. Norberto Castellano (Texas)
13. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
14. Miguel Mercedes (California)
15. Armando Lorado (Texas)

Former Army champ Cedric Mingo, 126, Brockton, Mass., stopped Danny (Choo Choo) Melendez, 127, Portland, Maine, on cuts. Melendez was not allowed out for the fourth and final frame.

Jimmy Perry, 145, New Bedford, Mass., halted Teddy Smith, 140, Fawtucket, R.I., with two knockdowns in 2:35 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Dave Alers, 128, Lawrence, Mass., outscored Jose Lopes, also 128, Providence, four.

Referees—Clarence Yates worked the main event, Mingo-Melendez, and Perry-Smith. Bill Connolly worked the other three bouts.

Timekeeper—John Fitzgerald.
Ringside Physician—Francis Wixted, M.D.
Promoter—Paul Morrissette.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
(10-24-85)

**JAY N. MILLER**

## NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—A couple of also-rans whose careers fizzled after promising starts, Allen Braswell and Jose Fuentes, got a rare chance to star. Braswell, 149, Brooklyn, made the most of it, stopping southpaw Fuentes, 149¼, Jersey City, at 2:33 of the third in a scheduled 10. After two action rounds, in which slugger Fuentes swarmed the lanky boxer, but found Braswell able to match him on the inside, Jose suddenly wilted and collapsed. Mixing his combinations over and under, Braswell punished Fuentes with right uppercuts until the Jerseyite turned away as if quitting. Seeming to reconsider, Jose spun and launched a last-chance whirlwind attack, before Allen took over and pounded him into submission. Referee Randy Neumann gave Fuentes a standing eight, then stopped it as Jose floundered under a barrage.

My trainers told me they wanted to go home early," the winner explained. "I just followed instructions."

A beautiful right uppercut floored Larry Davis, 169, Newark, in the fifth, and helped Mike Costello, 176½, Bridgeport, Conn., to a unanimous decision in a bruising eight. Steve Smoger refereed.

In a battle of southpaws, Charlie Boston, 156¼, Trenton, won a unanimous decision over Bruce Starling (Stallings), 161, Elizabeth, in a hard-fought six. The returning Boston looked sharp, but showed a tendency to get spooked when tagged, which kept it interesting. Boston took advantage when Bruce stumbled in the sixth, and scored a knockdown. Referee, Smoger.

Matt Farrago, 156½, Liverpool, NY, pounded George Lanton, 164, Haverstraw, NY, into a TKO defeat 1:03 into the third round of a brutal six. Referee, Neumann.

Bob Wasielewski, 164, Bayonne, N.J. hammered a game Ken Page, 168, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a bristling four. Referee, Neumann.

Lefty Shlomo Niazov, 136, Tel Aviv via Brooklyn, dropped and TKO'd Paul Moore, 132¾, Philadelphia, at 2:02 of the first, of a scheduled four. Steve Smoger, ref.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (estimated).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Charlie Spina, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-13-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Calvin Grove, 127¾, Coatesville, Pa., rolled up a surprisingly easy, unanimous decision over Paul DeVorce, 127¼, Yonkers, 10. Though the experienced DeVorce should have proven a threat, his charging style seemed made for the slick Grove. Calvin played matador to the short, muscular DeVorce, literally boxing rings around him. But though he boxed beautifully, Grove seemed to become frustrated by his inability to "de-vorce" Paul from his senses, and took to hot-dogging instead. Firing combinations that froze Paul in his tracks, but didn't drop him, Calvin would throw his arms up in a victory pose, drawing jeers from the crowd. Though largely ineffective, Paul's rushes were so spirited that the fans took up his cause, making the fight surprisingly lively in spite of its one-sidedness. The closest Calvin came to a knockout was in the ninth, when right counters twice rocked DeVorce. Ted Larve voted 9-0-1, Thomas Kaczmarek 8-2, and Joe Pasquale 8-1-1. Tony Perez refereed.

Joe Loving, 134¼, Rochester, N.Y., upset Randy Richardson, 136, Youngstown, Ohio, by split decision, six. Normally a smooth boxer, Richardson strangely chose full flight, with his efforts to avoid combat so embarrassingly obvious that the judges opted for Loving's serious, though largely thwarted, charges. Referee, Perez.

Tomas Otero, 128¼, Bronx, was being eaten alive by slick Rene Resto, 129, Brooklyn, when an unintentional butt slashed Resto's eye, he was unable to continue after two of a scheduled six, giving Otero a very lucky technical draw. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Cortez Treadwell, 151, Fayetteville, N.C., proved too much for game Mark Petroski, 153¾, Philadelphia, knocking him cold at 2:06 of the third round in a bitter struggle, scheduled four. Referee, Battle.

John (Flash) Gordon, 161, Fayetteville, N.C., outgunned Ray Daniels, 164, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a hard-fought four. Referee, Battle.

HBA East.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-19-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—When house fighter Sam David got a chance at the vacant WBC Continental-Americas bantamweight title, most fans figured unknown oppo-

nent Ray Minus, Jr., to be just that. Instead, the Bahamian put on a "plus" performance for 11 rounds, only to finish with a peculiar "zero" ending in the twelfth and final session. After a tentative start, the slick-boxing Minus, 117, Nassau, began running rings around the lead-footed slugger. In the third, a left hook beat David to the punch during an exchange, and jolted him. But the timid Minus seemed surprised, and didn't press. By the fifth, the invader's confidence had grown and the bewildered local slumped to the floor under a barrage, though it was not ruled a knockout.

In the sixth, David, 118, Medelli, Colombia, via Phillipsburg, N.J., began his dramatic, come-from-behind drive. A desperation right smacked Minus, and seemed to turn him jittery. Regrouping in the eighth, the underdog made his last major attack. Charging out, Minus hurt David to the body, then drove him onto the ropes. But Ray punched himself dry, and the gritty David roared back to rock him and slice his left eye. Both fighters were fatigued down the stretch, but that worked to David's advantage, as Minus could no longer circle effectively. Fighting on pure muscle and will, Sam made it anybody's fight going into the last round. Judge Richard F. Murry scored 106-106, while Ted Larve (106-105) and Al DeVito (106-103) both had Minus ahead. Ray tried to go to the body, but was met by a crackling left hook to the jaw and dropped. Trying to pick up referee Frank Cappuccino's count, Minus lurched to his feet at what he thought was "nine," but was officially counted out at 1:18.

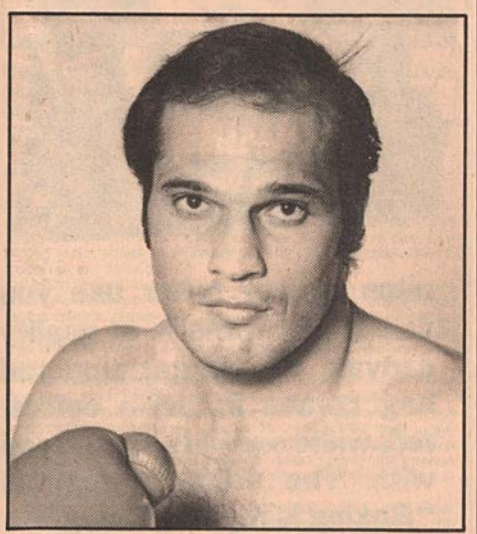
Roberto Nunez, 130½, Santiago, Dominican Republic, was being outmauled by aggressive Tony Miller, 130½, Melbourne, but landed some sharp countering uppercuts to open a profusely-bleeding slash on the Australian's left eye, and win a TKO after four of a scheduled eight. Referee, Joe O'Neil.

In a wild shootout, Alfred Shoffner, 179½, Philadelphia, floored Ricky Nelson, 178½, NY, then poleaxed him out cold at 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Cappuccino.

Jack Caroselli, 169¾, Royersford, Pa., won a unanimous verdict over Ken Page, 164½, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought four. Referee, O'Neil.

Jerry Jones, 198¼, Washington, D.C., scored a two-knockdown TKO over Reggie Jones (a/k/a Reginald Griffin), 186, Philadelphia, at 1:41 of the second, scheduled four. Referee, Cappuccino.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-24-85)



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***Heavyweight Lee Canalito kept his sluggish career alive with a seventh-round TKO over cronic loser Steve Souski in Atlantic City.***

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—A modest boxing card rounded out an entertaining mixed bag of contests that also featured pro wrestling and karate. The original boxing headliner, Marvin Johnson, had to be scratched when he suffered a cut in a lawn mowing accident. Johnson was replaced by Lionel Byarm, 182, Philadelphia, who pounded out a unanimous win over shop-worn veteran James Williams, 175¼, Portland, Oregon, 10.

Williams appears to have lost his legs, while Byarm never had any, producing a rugged, but monotonous, battle. The two leaned on each other and worked inside. Byarm wanted it more, and worked harder, while Williams fought mostly in retaliation, but did land some telling blows. A tiring Lionel dropped to his knees in the ninth, and when ringsiders got on ref Larry Hazzard for ruling it a knockdown, the official shot back, "It always looks easy from out there!" Lawrence Wallace voted 5-3-2, Thomas Kaczmarek 7-2-1, and Phil Newman 7-3.

Lee Canalito, 245½, Houston, was resurrected for the umpteenth time, to TKO another retread, Steve Zouski, 208¼, now out of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, at 3:00 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Canalito was outmauling Zouski in a dull tug-o'-war when Steve seemed to become bored and lose concentration. Nailed by a short right and hurt, Zouski was hammered along the ropes until his head was snapped by a left hook,

# NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

**(As of October 29, 1985)**

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
1. Carl Williams (New York)
2. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
3. Mike Weaver (California)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. Greg Page (Kentucky)
6. Eddie Gregg (New York)
7. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
8. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
9. David Bey (Pennslyvania)
10. Jeff Sims (Florida)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
13. Larry Alexander (New York)
14. Mitchell Green (New York)
15. George Chaplin (Maryland)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Anthony Davis (California)
4. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
5. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
6. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
7. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
8. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
9. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
10. Cedric Parsons (California)
11. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
12. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
13. Tim Thomas (California)
14. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
15. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
3. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
6. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
7. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
9. Eddie Davis (New York)
10. Charles Williams (Michigan)
11. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
12. David Sears (New York)
13. Freddie Guzman (Texas)
14. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
15. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
5. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
6. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
7. Doug DeWitt (New York)
8. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
9. Iran Barkley (New York)
10. Carl Jones (California)
11. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
12. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
13. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
14. Alex Ramos (New York)
15. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)

**SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
9. Mardo Roybal (California)
10. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
11. Davey Moore (New York)
12. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
13. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
14. Thomas Smith (Texas)
15. Kenny Snow (Texas)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. David Hilton (Quebec)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
6. Daryl Anthony (Missouri)
7. Donny Poole (Ontario)
8. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
9. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
10. Diomedes Colome (California)
11. Robert Rucker (New York)
12. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
13. Herman Montes (California)
14. Eric Martin (California)
15. Luis Santana (California)

**SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
4. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
5. Bill Costello (New York)
6. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
7. Andy Nance (California)
8. Alexis Arguello (Florida)
9. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
10. Mitchell Julien (California)
11. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
12. Saoul Mamby (New York)
13. Othal Dixon (Texas)
14. Frankie Warren (Texas)
15. Ricky Young (New York)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Cubanito Perez (California)
4. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
5. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Ontario)
7. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
8. Greg Haugen (Washington)
9. Frankie Randall (Florida)
10. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
11. John Montes (California)
12. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
13. Terrence Alli (New Jersey)
14. Robin Blake (Texas)
15. Manuel Hernandez (California)

**SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Raphe Sims (Texas)
4. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
5. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
6. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
7. Ruben Castillo (California)
8. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
9. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
10. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
11. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
12. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
13. Danny Vargas (Texas)
14. Darnell Savoy (Louisiana)
15. Erskine Wade (Michigan)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
3. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
4. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Refugio Rojas (California)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
9. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
10. Steve Cruz (Texas)
11. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
12. Dana Roston (Nevada)
13. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
14. Adrian Arreola (California)
15. Chris Silvas (Texas)

**SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
4. Jaime Garza (California)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
7. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Calif.)
8. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
9. Harold Petty (Texas)
10. Andres Tena (New York)
11. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
12. Carlos Flores (Texas)
13. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
14. Pascual Arranda (Texas)
15. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. James Pipps (Texas)
5. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
6. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
7. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
8. Albert Davila (California)
9. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
10. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
11. James Manning (Oregon)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Raul Perez (Mexico)
14. Frankie Duarte (California)
15. Rigoberto Estrada (Mexico)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
5. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
6. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
7. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
8. Martin Cardenas (Mexico)
9. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
10. Rodolfo Arvadado (Mexico)
11. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
12. Felix Castillo (Texas)
13. Miguel Angel Cota (Mexico)
14. Javier Guerrero (Mexico)
15. Rafael Alonso (Mexico)

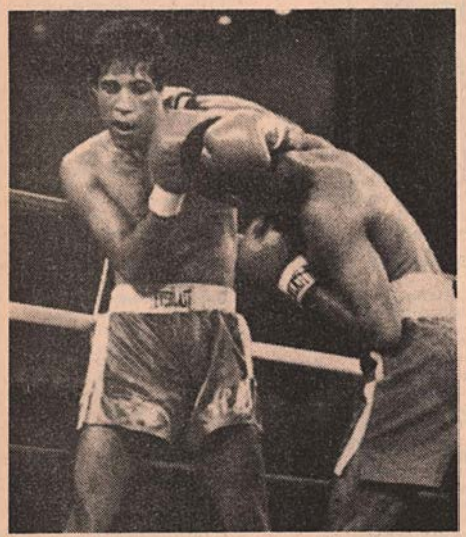
**LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. German Torres (Mexico)
5. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
8. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
9. Babe Luis (Mexico)
10. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
11. Javier Davila (Mexico)
12. Hilario Duran (Mexico)
13. Ismael Benitez (Mexico)
14. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)
15. Jaime Lozano (Mexico)

prompting referee Randy Neumann to administer a standing eight, and then stop the contest just as the bell sounded.

Felipe Montellano, 149¼, Jersey City, looked good, stalking effectively to dish out a solid beating to once-promising Junie Nash, 150, Philadelphia, by unanimous decision, eight. Nash was down, and in full retreat, in the final round. Referee, Hazzard.

Wade Willis, 136¼, Pompano Beach, Florida, likewise thrashed a retreating Daniel Sally, 133, Philadelphia, by unanimous verdict, six. Referee, Neumann.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-28-85)



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***Former IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo (left) tries to cover up as Sammy Fuentes bulls him into the ropes. Fuentes climbed all over Arroyo, stopping Harry in the seventh round of a major upset.***

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—It had to be too good to be true, the rags-to-riches story of blue collar nice guy Harry Arroyo. It wasn't. Arroyo's aborted career came to a dismal end as he was demolished by unheralded, but promising, Sammy Fuentes. The word is out on Harry. Fuentes, 136, Loiza, P.R., established command at the very start of the scheduled 10, buckling the ex-champ's knees with the same overhand right that Terrence Alli and Jimmy Paul used to fell him. Arroyo, 135½, Youngstown, never got in the fight, as he couldn't retreat fast enough to avoid the aggressive slugger's bombs, or find the range with counters to stop his charges. The restless fans buzzed with anticipation that the old champ would emerge. But as the rounds wore on, it became painfully clear there would be no second coming. After six rounds, a spent Arroyo had won only one session on two cards, two on the third.

In the seventh, Fuentes moved for the kill. A tired Arroyo was driven to the ropes, where a left hook and right cross staggered him. Harry tried to wobble away, then leaned on Sammy for a breather when a right snapped his head and caused ref Joe Cortez to administer a standing eight. Shortly after, a motionless Arroyo was nailed by a sweeping left hook, pitching onto his face. Cortez ruled a K.O. at 2:22 without bothering to count. It was the kind of beating from which there is no return, and Harry seemed to know it. "When you can't beat a guy with an 8-1 record, somebody is trying to tell you something. I doubt I'll fight again," he announced.

Mike Tyson, 215¾, Catskill, N.Y., impressed with a cyclone attack that blew out returning Donnie Long, 215¾, Youngstown, in just 1:28 of the first round in a scheduled six. A witch's brew of body shots and thunderous left hooks to the head floored Long three times, ref Frank Cappuccino calling a kayo without a final count.

Strong but crude Bert Cooper, 199¾, Philadelphia, pounded "Prince" Ray Davidson, 202, Georgetown, Guyana, relentlessly for a shutout unanimous win, six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Rafael Terrero, 144, Union City, New Jersey, upset Albeto Quinones, 142, Queens, by majority verdict in an action, see-saw six. Quinones had the more controlled attack, but Terrero's flashy outbursts caught the judges' fancy. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Lefty Domingo Molina, 155¾, Brooklyn, weathered a big first round by ambitious Oscar Noriega, 154, Hackensack, then dropped and kayoed a punched-out Oscar at 2:56 of the second in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Richard F. Murry, Charlie Spina.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(10-09-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—In a battle of missed opportunities, Anthony Witherspoon, 174¾, Philadelphia, failed to lift the NABF light heavyweight crown from champion Willie (Sandman) Edwards, 174½, Detroit, when Willie turned him back by a unanimous 12-round decision. The counterpunching Witherspoon and workmanlike Edwards were figured to stage a tactical contest fit for purists. Instead, one overwhelming factor—neither has a chin—took over, and the expected chess match went out the window. The resultant free-for-all had action, drama, and thrills worthy of the bloodthirsty. For the craftsman, it could be described by one word—ugh!

The mayhem started late in the first. After some uneventful milling, the two were leaning on each other when an unimposing left hook and right uppercut set a surprised challenger on the canvas. Anthony got even in the second when a left hook and right cross wobbled the champion. But as in the previous session, the bell muffled the knock of opportunity.

The waiting challenger preferred all his eggs in one basket, while the champion kept active between blitzes, and forged ahead. Witherspoon had warned going in that he is weak at light heavy, and it proved prophetic. Anthony was hurt in the fifth and cut in the sixth, but nearly pulled all his irons out of the fire in the seventh when an almost perfect right counter blasted Edwards to the canvas, and severely cut his left eye.

But the champion again escaped. Though Edwards was still rocky coming out for the eighth, the challenger was unable to reach either his chin or eye. After allowing time for cutman Mike Hall's ministrations to take effect, Anthony was leaning in as if contemplating his next move when nailed by a short right and floored again.

The challenger was nearly finished by the tenth, as Edwards punished him with short, jolting punches that several times lifted Anthony's left foot off the canvas. Yet Edwards mysteriously turned dancer in the eleventh, stumbling awkwardly away behind a poking jab, and allowing the challenger back into the fight. It nearly cost him, as Witherspoon stunned him with a right in the final round, but couldn't find the handle, allowing Edwards to stagger to victory. Visiting judge Norvel Lee scored it 117-109, Rocky Castellani 115-110, and Lynne Carter 116-110. Larry Hazzard refereed.

In savage infighting, Charles Williams, 173, Grand Rapids, proved too sharp for tough Mike Fisher, 172½, Newark via Fayetteville. Williams countered well off the ropes and while backing up. He cut and wore down the pressing Fisher, scoring a TKO when Mike couldn't come out for the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Two youngsters both showed the effects of bad beatings in their last fights. Bryan "Boogaloo" Jones, 122, Philadelphia, couldn't, and Fred Reed Hall, 119¾, Brooklyn, wouldn't. Jones was just active enough to take the unanimous verdict, eight. Hazzard, referee.

David Torres, 154¼, Bronx, and Frank Nolan, also 154¼, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, fought a punishing slam-banger to a unanimous draw, six. O'Neil, referee.

Nickname-crazy Pedro (El Bambino, The Beastmaster) Garcia, 133¼, Cataño, PR, got a tough struggle from Kenny Rodriguez, 134, Waterbury, Conn., gaining a unanimous win in a sloppy four. O'Neil, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
Undercard judges—Carter, Castellani, Joe Pasquale.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-03-85)

**J. R. JOWETT**

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Hotel-Casino**—Terrence Alli, 135¾, New York, looking a lot more energetic and purposeful against a guy whose style can make anyone look bad, won his second bout since his January KO loss to Harry Arroyo. Alli, now 26-4-1, 11 kayoes, finally got to Erskine Wade, 134¼, Detroit, Michigan, and stopped him at 2:08 of the 10th and final round.

Wade, using a scattered, jack-in-the-box approach, gave Alli some trouble early on. While he was fresh he had Alli reaching and lunging. Wade managed to catch Alli coming in with jabs and right uppercuts. Alli's eager persistence slowed slightly to a more purposeful march and he finally took control in the middle rounds and he began to wear down his light hitting foe.

Midway into the last session, Alli stunned Wade with a potent left hook and then chased him to a neutral corner where a final hook put him down. Erskine did manage to beat the count of referee Steve Smoger, but was in no shape to go on. A wise stoppage.

In a bout that stole the show, an all-Marine, all-Philadelphian war was staged as Kelvin Kelly, 174¼, edged neighbor Marvin Mack, 168¼, via a ten round majority decision.

As a contingent of Marines looked on, the trenches were dug and battle lines drawn in this bristling encounter. Kelly started strong and ran away with the first three rounds, brandishing a non-stop body assault. Mack, nearly left for dead in this hand-to-hand, chest-to-chest collision, finally wised up and began to use his boxing ability and swept rounds seven, eight and nine on the scorecards. It was anybody's fight going into the 10th, and Kelly rallied to take two of the votes and a gut-wrenching win.

Both men received a bonus from the promoter for their fine effort. Richard F. Murry had it 5-4-1 and William Kostrub 6-4; Tom Kazcmarek had it 5-5. *The Ring* saw it 7-3, Kelly. Paul Venti, referee.

In a scheduled eight, Tony (Dr. Detroit) Montgomery, 154¼, Detroit, got a sixth round TKO win over Ismael "Mongoose" Negron, 155, Newark, N.J., when Negron was not allowed out for round seven.

It was a briskly fought match, with the speed and pressure of Tony giving him an edge on two cards after six. Negron suffered a cut on his left eyebrow in round five, but the reason for the stoppage was that he complained of sore ribs on his lower left side. Montgomery is now 12-0, six kayoes. Negron fell to 6-3, two by K.O. Steve Smoger, referee.

In the evening's first bout, Hilario Mercedes, 140¼, Bronx,


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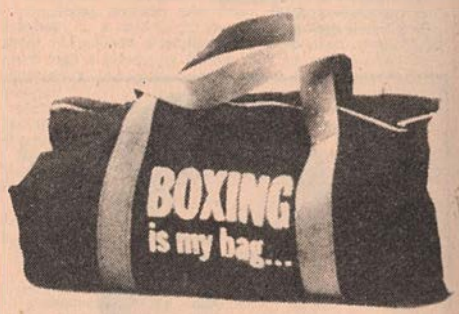


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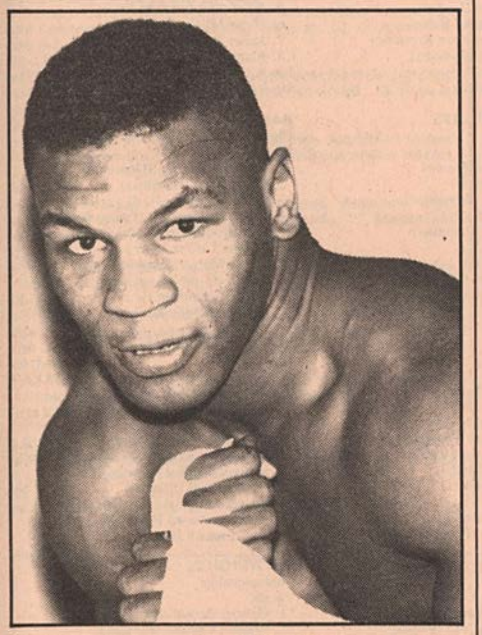
won his second bout in October, posting a six-round unanimous decision over previously unbeaten (now 5-1, two kayoes) Wade Willis, 137¼, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Mercedes completely dominated the latter stages of the bout. Richard F. Murry saw it 6-0, while Kazcmarek and Kostrub each had it 4-2. Paul Venti, referee. Mercedes is now 3-2, two knockouts. Willis received a standing eight-count in round four.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Top Rank, Inc.
Ring Announcer—Michael Buffer.
(10-23-85)



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***Heavyweight sensation Mike Tyson racked up his 10th straight knockout with a first-round blitz of outclassed Robert Colay in Atlantic City.***

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—Calvin Grove, 126, Coatesville, Pa., made his first defense of the USBA featherweight title a successful one with a unanimous 12 round decision over Dana Roston, 126, Las Vegas. Roston, a quick and aggressive fighter in his own right, met his match in Grove, a boxing stylist whose quick hands and "boxing" feet make him a tough nut to track down.

Roston looked to be running low on fuel as early as round three. In round five, he was dropped by a single straight right as the quicker Grove beat him to the punch in their exchange of right hands. For the next two rounds, however, Roston sucked it up and was making a fight of it until Grove resumed complete control in round nine.

While Calvin won going away, he did not please matchmaker Ron Katz, who had hoped to sell Grove to national television. Katz had been looking for a more convincing performance, but when Grove (according to Katz) let his man off the hook in the fifth, it doomed Calvin to second rate status as a saleable national fistic product. Grove insists, however, theat boxing is a science and he adheres to the boxer over puncher methods instilled in him by trainer Carmen Graziano.

Scoring: Both Frank Cairo and Al DeVito had it 117-110, while Charlie Spina saw it 118-111. *The Ring* card totalled 119-109 for Grove, who is now 24-0, 11 KO's. The referee was Joe Cortez.

In a scheduled eight, teenage punching sensation, Mike Tyson, 217, Catskill, N.Y., took just 37 seconds to dispose of Robert Colay, 224¼, Atlantic City. One left hook and down went Colay. He struggled up but just missed the count of 10 by referee Ted Pick. The Brooklyn born and raised Tyson is now a perfect 10-0, all by KO.

Pedro (Bambino, The Beastmaster) Garcia, 131½, N.Y., won a six round unanimous decision over John Glen Alavarado, 127¼, Dover, N.J. During the first four rounds, it was an evenly-matched spirited affair. The taller Garcia finally took control and clearly dominated tbe fifth and sixth over his less experienced but spunky foe. Judges Richard F. Murry and Lynn Carter agreed at 4-2, while Phil Newman saw it 3-2-1. Referee, Perez.

Garcia is now 10-0, 6 KO's, while Alavarado is 2-2.

In a walk-out bout shortened from six to four, Mike Triccarico, 147½, Brooklyn, had an easy time of it against Terry Young, 144½, N.Y. The timid Young was dropped once in the first and looking for a soft spot when ref Pick leaped in and stopped the action at the 2:13 mark of the first. Mike is now 8-2-1, three by kayo. Ycung fell to 2-5.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
HBA East.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-25-85)

**JACK OBERMAYER**

## NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 140, Brentwood, New York, TKO'd Jose Luis Alejandro, 140½, Caguas, Puerto Rico, at 1:26 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Tony Perez, referee. McGirt is now 22-0-1 with 20 kayoes. Alejandro, who suffered a cut on the right eyebrow, is 10-8-7 with two knockouts.

Eusebio Espinal, 122½, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Pepe Vasquez, 122, Hartford, Conn., at 0:54 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Paul Venti, referee.

Abdul Hakim, 173, Roosevelt, New York, won a unanimous decision over Wesley Reid, 174½, Long Beach, New York, eight. Nick Drake, referee. Scoring: Tony Castellano, 6-2 (7-3 in points); Artie Levine, 7-1 (8-2); Victor Suarez, 5-3. Hakim was down in the first round from a right. Reid was down in round three.

Tim Moley, 133, Selden, New York, won a split decision over Mathew (The Juice) Jefferson, 132, Bronx, a southpaw, six. Tony Perez, referee. Scoring: Castellano and Levine, both 3-3 (4-3), Moley; Suarez, 4-2, Jefferson.

Ricky Nelson, 140½, Bronx, won a majority decision over Wilberto Llanos, 140, Bronx, four. Nick Drake, referee. Scoring: Castellano, 2-2 (3-2); Levine, 3-1 (4-1).

Bob Wasielewski, 165½, Bayonne, N.J., TKO'd southpaw Angel Gerena, 163½, Brooklyn, at 0:59 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder. Paul Venti, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(10-04-85)

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Allen Braswell, 148½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy, 148, Kew Gardens, Queens, 10. Arthur Mercante, referee. Scoring: Barbara J. Perez and Ted Wint, both 8-2; Al Reid, 10-0. Braswell is now 18-10-1 with 12 kayoes. Peavy, who injured his hand, is 12-1 with nine knockouts.

Mark Breland, 145, Brooklyn, went to 6-0 (four kayoes) as a pro by knocking out a ridiculously overmatched Donald Gwinn, 146, Beckley, West Virginia, in 1:32 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Joe Cortez, referee. Gwinn fell to a reported 8-7.

Alfonso Bailey, 153½, Akron, Ohio, won a unanimous (all cards 4-2) verdict over Richard Quiles, 154½, six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Charles (Hard Rock) Bullock, 145, New York, knocked out southpaw Pablo Rivera, in 1:13 of the second round in their scheduled six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Frederick Johnson, 154½, Rego Park, New York, kayoed Eddie Tyler, 152, New York, in 2:51 of the third round in their scheduled six. Randy Neumann, referee.

Benny Torres, 131, New York, won a majority decision over Sammy Mejias, 129, New York, six. Randy Neumann, referee. Scoring: Barbara J. Perez, 3-3; Al Reid and Ted Wint, both 5-1, Torres.

Yoel (The Lion) Judah, 128½, New York, won on a disqualification over southpaw Carlos Cartagena, 130½, at 0:37 of the fourth and final round. Hector Pacheco, referee.

Raymond Reyes, 128, New York, won a unanimous decision over David (Kid Chocolate) Miller, 126, New York, four. Randy Neumann, referee. Scoring: Barbara J. Perez and Ted Wint, both 3-1; Al Reid, 4-0.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
Attendance—988. Gross—$13,213.
(10-18-85)

**HERBERT G. GOLDMAN**

## OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—The Myriad**—Tony (The Tiger) Harrison, 166, Oklahoma City, knocked out 34-year-old Ed Ryan, 165, Tulsa, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Harrison is now 17-5-1. Ryan is 15-6.

Cecil Pettigrew, 159, Tulsa, halted Franklin Owens, 163, Oklahoma City, late in the sixth and final session. Pettigrew is now 20-8-1. Owens is 9-1-1.

Keheaven Johnson, 147, tulsa, won a majority decision over tough Ron Johnson, 147, Oklahoma City, six. Keheaven is now 5-2-1. ron is 5-3.

Late sub Lee Cargle, 115, went to 11-3-1 by knocking out Short Dirkle, 125, Oklahoma City, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Ron Porter, 135, Oklahoma City, made his pro debut with a split verdict over Vernon Garrett, also 135, Oklahoma City, four. Garrett is now 2-2.

Referees—Billy Bell, Mickey Banks.
Judges—Billy Bell, J. Shuler, Helen Pouter, Mickey Banks.
Alpha Promotions.
Attendance—350 (estimated).
(10-19-85)

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Tradewinds Motel**—Jerry Halstead, 210, Midwest City, Ok., knocked out Kenneth Penn, 220, Tulsa, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Halstead is now 26-4-1. Penn is 15-6.

Tom Manahl, 197, Oklahoma City, won a majority decision over Charles Jamison, 195, Oklahoma City, four. Scoring: Mickey Banks, 38-37; Joe McCormick, 39-38; Gary Zanovich, 38-38.

Referees—Mike Helderman, Mickey Banks.
Judges—Mickey Banks, Joe McCormick, Gary Zanovich, Mike Helderman.
Promoter—Sean O'Grady.
Attendance—100 (estimated).
(10-22-85)

**JAMES HUTTON**

## PENNSYLVANIA

▶**HARRISBURG—Zembo Mosque**—The revival of boxing here met with a serious setback, as hero Darryl Matin, 139, Harrisburg, was dethroned in his first defense of the state junior welter title. The culprit, sleeper Fred Pendleton, 139, Philadelphia, showed surprising improvement under new manager Ed Gersh and trainer Larry Kent. Circling deftly while carefully setting up counters, Pendleton rattled Martin with a left hook in the first to score a standing eight-count. The challenger established complete command, as the explosive but plodding champion was unable to find him. Though not regarded as a puncher, Fred's counters were so precise that he had Darryl running into them full force. Rights twice dropped Martin in the sixth before ref Mike Mittman rescued the confused champion, stopping the scheduled 12 at 1:29.

Anthony Boyle, 126½, Philadelphia, looked very sharp destroying no slouch in Floyd Simmons, 126½, Baltimore, at 2:30 of the third round in a scheduled six. Boyle fired beautiful combinations—a double left hook to body and head for a knockdown, then a double right to ribs and chin for a standing eight, when ref Tony Wolfe stopped it.

In the only poor bout of an excellent card, ex-amateur whiz Vincent Boulware, 160¼, Harrisburg via Houston, had to be "borrowed" from Mrs. Abercrombie to show before hometown fans for the first time as a pro. Vince pounded veteran punching bag Lloyd Richardson, 167½, Buffalo, until the doctor pounded the apron for a stoppage at 2:45 of the third, scheduled six. Wolfe refereed.

In an excellent match, Earl Morgan, 125, Philadelphia, and Steve Nolan, 128, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., fought like polished pros, with Morgan just a little too sharp for Nolan, gaining a unanimous decision over the game battler, four. Mittman, referee.

In a wild and woolly brawl, Walter Moore, 150, Philadelphia, came off the floor in the second, then withstood a last-round charge by crude Paul Emory, 156, Harrisburg, to gain a narrow, majority verdict, four. Wolfe, refereed.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—700. Gross—$8,500 (est.).
Judges—Carol Polis, Adalaide Tyndale, Joe Sweeney.
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-01-85)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—House favorite (Shotgun) Jimmy Muse, 147, W. Philadelphia, once again benefited from friendly environs, getting a unanimous, but hairline, decision over Miguel Monteo, 149½, N. Philadelphia, eight. The skilled, but too conservative, Montero posed away the early rounds, then took command with scarce, but well-executed, combinations. Realizing he was in trouble, Muse mounted an energetic stretch drive that electrified the fans after a mediocre card, and just nipped Montero at the wire. Judges Lynne Carter and Carol Polis both scored 37-36, while Al Morris had 40-34. Tommy Reid, referee.

Steve Johnson, 155½, N. Philadelphia, upset ticket-seller Chris Guest, 156½, N.E. Philadelphia, in a scheduled six. Southpaw Guest kept lunging in, until he walked into a right counter and dropped. Referee Ozzie Sadler erroneously ruled a slip, so Johnson repeated it twice for knockdowns, and a TKO at 2:05 of the fifth.

Ali Saad Muhammad, 138, S. Philadelphia, busted up and stopped Chris Bajor, 143, Fishtown, not out for fourth of six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Ricky Diaz, 111½, N. Philadelphia, seemed lucky to get a three-way draw by chugging forward against slick counter-puncher Carlos (Mean Machine) Peña, 111, N. Philadelphia, in a rousing four. Reid, referee.

Highly-regarded Tony Martin, 138, Germantown, hammered poor James Lyons, 141, N. Philadelphia, for a unanimous win, four. Sgrillo, referee.

Eddie Fisher, 116½, W. Philadelphia, won a unanimous verdict over southpaw Ruben Marquez, 118, N. Philadelphia, in a routine four. Sgrillo, referee.

Kenny Cannida, 148½, N. Philadelphia, TKO'd Manuel Braga Opher, 153, N. Philadelphia, who quit after two of a scheduled four. Ozzie Saddler, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—650. Gross—$6,000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Ring announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-08-85)

**J. R. JOWETT**

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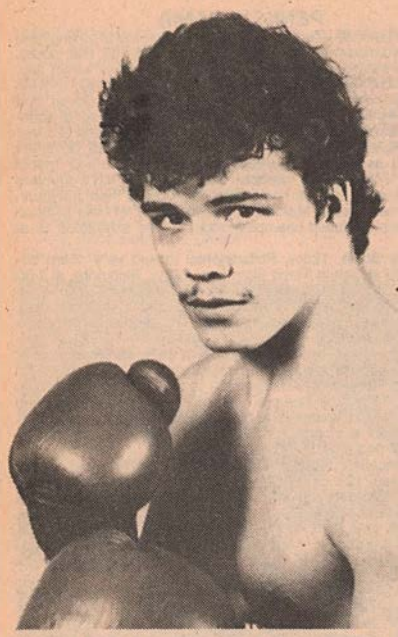

***Matthew Hilton used Vito Antuofermo for a punching bag, forcing the former world middleweight champion to retire in his corner after four one-sided rounds in Montreal.***

# CANADA

## MANITOBA

▶**WINNIPEG—Convention Center**—Mohammed Eltassi, 161¼, TKO'd Danny Vandal, 165, Winnipeg, at the end of eight rounds in the scheduled 10-round main event. Vandal was in line for a title shot at Canadian middleweight champion Michael Olajide, Jr.

Ken Billinghurst, 157¼, Calgary, won a unanimous (60-52, 60-54, 60-52) decision over Terry Pudwell, 150, Minot, N.D., six.

Gordon Hannah, 140, Calgary, stopped Dan Pruden, 142, Winnipeg, in two.

Tim Pruden, 151, Winnipeg, and Elmer Hogue, Bismark, N.D., drew, six.

Byron Prince, 157, Winnipeg, stopped Mark Pudwell, 152, Bismark, at 1:54 of the fifth round in another scheduled six.

Referees—Art Welby, Mike Pastrak.
Judges—J. Roberts, E. St. Mars, P. Haynes.
Timekeepers—D. Duchac, T. Kirner.
Ring Announcer—R. Holiday.
Ringside Physician—Dr. N. Hill.
E.J.C. Sports Promotions.
(10-03-85)

## QUEBEC

▶**MONTREAL—Forum**—Matthew Hilton, 156, Montreal, halted former world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo, 155, who was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round in the scheduled 10-frame main event.

Antuofermo took bad punishment for four rounds, suffering a cut on the forehead and a very severe gash on the lip. Hilton was in command all the way, and the 33-year-old Antuofermo was little more than a punching bag.

Tony Morrison, 180, reversed a decision loss by knocking out Andy Formagie, 177½, Montreal, in 0:28 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Ian Clyde, 117¼, Montreal, halted Marty Burton, 117½, LaSalle, at 3:00 of the third round in their scheduled eight.

Louis Howard, 148¼, Phoenix, halted Denis Benjamin, 148, Houston, at 1:12 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight.

Jacques DeBlois, 151½, LaSalle, stopped Marion Wright, 151¼, Montreal, at 1:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Stewart Hilton, 134¼, went to 2-0 with a unanimous decision over Jim Giambaluca, 135½, Buffalo, four.

A 10-round bout between Ray Garza of Harlingen, Texas and Puerto Rico's Juan Nazario was cancelled when Garza was unable to supply the Montreal Commission with his pro record.

Referees—Tony Crivello, Jerry Simpson, Richard Doute, Guy Jutras.
Judges—LaPointe, Montpetit, Nadeau, Beaudry.
Timekeepers—O. Marchessault, N. Nichilo.
Ring Announcer—R. Rivest.
Ringside Physicians—P. Meunier, L. LeClerc.
Promoter—Henri Spitzer.
Attendance—3,800.
(10-20-85)

**FRANK ALLNUTT**

# CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
## (As of November 1, 1985)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Leon Spinks (U.S.)
2. Kip Kane (U.S.)
3. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
4. Walter Daniel Falconi (Arg.)
5. Luis Lozano (Panama)
6. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
7. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
8. Carl Williams (U.S.)
9. Jose Adilson Rodrigues
10. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
1. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
5. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
6. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
7. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
8. Michael Arms (U.S.)
9. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
10. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Clarimundo DeSilva (Brazil)
2. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
5. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
6. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
7. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
8. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
10. Robert Folley (U.S.)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
1. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
2. Charlie Carter (U.S.)
3. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
4. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
5. Carlos Betancourt (P.R.)
6. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Canada)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
10. Alex Hilton (Canada)

**SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Mark Medal (Puerto Rico)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
6. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
7. Dunio Mercado (Brazil)
8. Dwight Walker (U.S.)
9. David Noel (Trinidad)
10. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
2. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
3. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
4. Luis Santana (U.S.)
5. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Rico Lopez (Mexico)

**SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
1. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
2. Saul Julio (Colombia)
3. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
4. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Ricky Young (U.S.)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
1. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
2. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
3. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
4. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
5. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Orlando Romero (Peru)
8. John Montes (U.S.)
9. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

**SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
1. Julio Llerena (Colombia)
2. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
7. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
8. Raphe Sims (U.S.)
9. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)
10. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
3. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
4. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
5. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
6. Richard Savage (U.S.)
7. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
10. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)

**SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Harold Petty (U.S.)
1. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
2. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
3. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
4. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
7. James Pipps (U.S.)
8. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
9. Albeto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
10. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Sam David (U.S.)
1. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
7. Azael Moran (Panama)
8. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
9. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
10. Benito Badilla (Chile)

**SUPER FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
2. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
3. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
4. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
5. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
7. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
8. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
9. Miguel (Raton) Perez (Colombia)
10. Jose Chacon (Panama)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

**LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Augustin Garcia (Colombia)
4. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
5. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
6. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
7. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

# SOUTH AMERICA

# ARGENTINA

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Marcelo Di Crocce won a split decision over Daniel Gonzalez, 10, welterweights.
(09-04-85)

▶**RAFAELA**—Santa Fe State lightweight champion Hugo Roberto Villarruel outclassed Henry Leonel Yanes, 10.
(09-06-85)

▶**RESISTENCIA—Club Hindu**—Featherweight Ramon Soria won a unanimous decision over junior lightweight Jose Luis Cubillas, 10.
(09-06-85)

▶**LA RIOJA—Club Juventud de La Rioja**—Alberto Cortes outscored Jose Marcelo Romer, 10, junior welters. Cortes is now 16-0.
(09-06-85)

▶**SUNCHALES**—Sergio Loyola and Julio Melone drew, 10, junior welters.
(09-06-85)

▶**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Former Argentine flyweight champion Ramon Horacio Albers won a split decision over Jose Cufre, 10.
(09-06-85)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Jose Luis Luduena won a split decision over local Jose Ricardo Magarinos, 10. Magarinos had been undefeated.
(09-06-85)

▶**ROSARIO—Club Deportivo America**—Former world junior middleweight contender Carlos Herrera upped his log to 51-7 by outpointing veteran middleweight Eduardo Contreras, 10.
(09-06-85)

▶**SAN PEDRO**—Junior featherweight Ruben Astorga went to 10-0 by outpointing Fidel Avila, 10.
(09-06-85)

▶**TRELEW**—Daniel Neto halted former Latin American light heavyweight champion Miguel Cea, Chile, in the third round, cruisers.
(09-06-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez retained his Argentine junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision (118-116, 120-115, 117-114) over Lorenzo Garcia, 12. Hernandez is now 36-1-1 and one no contest. Garcia is 61-3-9.

Antonio Gigena outscored Oscar Benitez, eight, lightweights.
(09-07-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Rising junior middleweight Hugo Marinangeli halted Cesar Valdez in three.

(09-11-85)

▶**SANTA FE—Club Rivadavia Juniors**—Antonio Ricardo (Pocho) Juarez won a majority decision over Argentine and South American welterweight champion Ramon Abeldano, 10. The scores were 100-98, 99-97, and 99-99. Upset of the year in Argentina.
(09-13-85)

▶**BAHIA BLANCA—Club Olimpo**—Junior welterweight Adolfo Arce Rossi outscored Latin American welterweight champion Jorge Pino, Panama, 10.
(09-13-85)

▶**RAFAELA—Club Nueve de Julio**—Nestor Giovannini won a unanimous decision over former Argentine and South American light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo, 10. Giovannini is now 9-2. Robledo is 23-7-6.
(09-13-85)

▶**DOLORES**—Argentina and South American featherweight title holder Fernando Sosa outscored Hugo Fernandez, 10. Sosa is now 42-3-3.
(09-13-85)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Raul Gomez outpointed former South American champion Juan (Lenguado) Araneda Bazan, Chile, 10, junior feathers.
(09-13-85)

▶**TANDIL**—Miguel Maldonado outclassed Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado, 10. Maldonado usually fights as a middleweight.
(09-14-85)

▶**TRES ARROYOS**—Rising lightweight Mario Fernandez knocked out Ricardo Castro in round three.
(09-14-85)

▶**ESQUEL**—Junior welter Ramon Jara and Osvaldo Maldonado drew, 10. Jara is managed by former world middleweight champion Carlos Monzon.
(09-14-85)

▶**AYACUCHO**—Argentine and South American junior flyweight champion Mario DeMarco halted Paraguayan flyweight king Ustacio Zaracho in three.
(09-15-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Unbeaten junior featherweight Pedro Decima halted Miguel Francia in round three of a superb bout. Decima is now 8-0 with six kayoes.
(09-18-85)

▶**CORRIENTES—Club Juventus**—Lucio Lopez won the vacant South American bantamweight crown by knocking out Brazilian champion Carlos Henrique Alves in the sixth round of a scheduled 12. Alves is now 1-5-1. Cardenio Ulloa would have been a far more suitable opponent for Lopez, who upped his pro record to 17-0.
(09-20-85)

▶**CATAMARCA—Complejo Polideportivo Catamarca**—Argentine and South American lightweight champion Jesus Romero retained his national crown with a unanimous (118-114, 117-114, 117-116) decision over Luis Armando Soto, 12. Romer is now 54-5-9.
(09-20-85)

▶**SAN NICOLAS**—Alberto Aragon halted Faustino Blanco in four, junior lightweights.
Jorge Pompe and Jose Ayala drew, eight.
(09-20-85)

▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Local prospect Julio Miranda won a unanimous decision over Bolivian junior lightweight Reynaldo Cazon Cadena, 10.
(09-20-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Featherweights Ramon Soria and Jose Mario Lopez drew, 10. The scores were: 100-98, Soria; 99-97, Lopez; 98-98.
(09-21-85)

▶**ROJAS**—Argentine junior middleweight champion Ramon (Potro) Ramos stopped Enrique Areco in nine. Ramos is now 20-1-2.
(09-21-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Argentine junior lightweight champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez won a unanimous (98-94, 99-98, 97-95) decision over Faustino Barrios, 10. This was scheduled as a title bout, but Gutierrez weighed in at 131, and so resigned his crown to Barrios.
(09-25-85)

▶**ROSARIO—Estadio Newell's Old Boys**—South American light heavyweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon, Uruguay, began his campaign as a cruiserweight by knocking out Roberto Cardozo in round five. Flores Burlon can no longer make 175.
(09-27-85)

▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo, the Argentine's number one ranked welterweight contender, outscored veteran Juan Barboza, 10. Arroyo is now 20-2-1.
(09-27-85)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Jose Dascola outpointed Hugo Ruffino, 10, cruisers.
(09-27-85)

**RICARDO F. SOLANA**

# EUROPE

## UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—It is a clear sign of the times that the vacant British heavyweight title was contested by boxers born in Nigeria and Jamaica, represented, respectively, by Funso Banjo, 228, and Hughroy Currie, 226½. This 12-rounder was won on points by Currie. Referee Larry O'Connell scored it 118-117½, and the verdict went to the right man, for without Currie's enthusiasm in trying to take the play to his opponent, there just wouldn't have been a fight.

Banjo was disappointing. He possesses quite a few skills, but seemed unwilling or unable to display them on this occasion. His reluctance to come forward and produce undoubtedly lost him the fight, and he was twice told by referee O'Connell to increase his work-rate. But these requests seemed to go unheeded.

Currie kept going in commendable fashion, and these tactics won him the bout. But each round was like the one before it—dull and uninteresting—and it was difficult to believe that these two were fighting for a British title.

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**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
6. Dave Russell (Australia)
7. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
8. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Horace Notice (Great Britain)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
3. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Asea Nama (Fiji)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Don LaLonde (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Alek Penarski (Great Britain)
7. Wally Carr (Australia)
8. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
9. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
10. Doug Sam (Australia)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
4. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Alex Hilton (Canada)
7. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
8. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
9. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
10. Michael Olajide (Canada)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. John Munduga (Uganda)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
9. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
8. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
9. Donny Poole (Canada)
10. Ricky Anderson (Canada)

**LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
6. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
7. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
8. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
9. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
10. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Ghana)
3. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
4. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
5. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
6. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
7. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
8. Paul Chance (Great Britain)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Mickey Baker (Great Britain)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Lester Ellis (Australia)
3. Isaiah Ikhoni (Kenya)
4. Tony Miller (Australia)
5. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
6. Anthony Andrews (Guyana)
7. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
8. Hakeem Alli (Nigeria)
9. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
10. Patrick Ford (Guyana)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
7. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
8. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
9. Obelle Anazor (Nigeria)
10. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Sandy Odanga (Uganda)
4. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
5. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
6. John Farrell (Great Britain)
7. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
8. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
9. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
10. Billy Hardy (Nigeria)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
9. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
10. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)

Yet the supporters of both men seemed to enjoy it, and there was a surge towards the ring to await the verdict, and one or two scuffles. But the situation was not allowed to get out of hand.

Commonwealth welterweight champion Sylvester Mittee, 146½, kept his promise to annex the British title as well by outpointing champion Kostas Petrou, 143, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 119-116½ after 12.

Mittee made his promise when Petrou was matched with Rocky Kelly for the vacant British title, and his own claims were ignored.

Starting fast, Mittee employed a jabbing, hooking attack from the first bell, and used his superior reach to good advantage. Petrou counterpunched, but was behind after five rounds.

In round seven, Petrou found his range, and moved in close—scoring with hooks to the head, and forcing Mittee on to the defensive. A good round for Petrou, but Mittee was soon back in the driver's seat, and was encouraged when Petrou was cut by the right eye in round nine.

Mittee was the more skillful boxer, and kept the fight at long range for the last few rounds. Petrou tried hard to get to grips, but the elusive Mittee boxed his way to a well deserved victory. His next target is the European crown, held by his former stablemate, Lloyd Honeyghan.

Errol Christie, Coventry, 160, continued serenely on his winning ways by stopping American Barry Audia, 165¼, referee O'Connell intervening at 2:34 of round two in a scheduled 10. Audia was cut by the right eye, but Christie had been scoring with every punch in the book—mostly without reply.

John Hyland, Liverpool, 120, beat Alan Coveley, Bethnal Green, 120½, who was disqualified for biting his opponent on the neck. It happened at 1:10 of round five in a scheduled eight. Covely looked ahead, but had been warned for infringements on previous occasions.

Debutant Ned Rawlins, 212½, stopped Brian McCue, Blackpool, 192, referee Tony Walker intervening at 1:12 of round two with McCue under pressure. McCue stands only 5'5", and Rawlins had all the physical advantages.

Keith Parry, Wales, outpointed Tony Graham, 129½, referee Walker casting it for Parry after six twos, but Graham, although down in the opening round, seemed a little unlucky not to get at least a share.

George Collins, Bracknell, 148½, outpointed Ray Price, Swansea, 148½, not losing a round on referee Walker's card, which showed 40-38½ after four twos.
(09-18-85)

▶**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—South African Ron Ellis, based in Southall, 222½, narrowly outpointed Derrick Williams, Battersea, 212½, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 79-78½ after eight.

Ellis looked in trouble from a right hand in round six, but from then on, Williams tired. It was the latter's first defeat.

Dennis O'Brien, Southall, 158, outpointed Randy Henderson, Peckham, 158, over six, referee Dakin casting it 60-58, indicating that O'Brien didn't lose a round. In a previous meeting, O'Brien won on points over eight.

Dave Owens, 170, outpointed Simon Harris, Hanwell, 169½, referee Paddy Sower scoring it a narrow 59-58½. Many fans voiced their disapproval of the verdict. It was Harris' first defeat.

Debutant Trevor Smith, Harlow, 148, outpointed Simon Paul, Hackney, 147, referee Dave Rogers calling it 59-58 after six. Smith was down in round one from a left hook.

Another debutant, Glen Dainty, Canvey Island, 120¾, won a six-round (two-minute rounds) points victory over Ronnie Meyer (formerly "Lugmeyer"), referee Sower casting it 59½-58½.

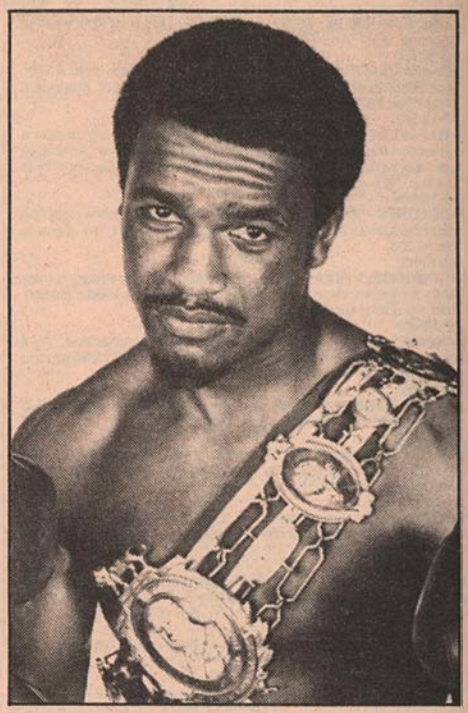
Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 149¾, outscored Sean Campbell, Acton, 148, referee Dave Rogers' card showing 59½-58½ after six twos. Campbell was down twice.
(09-20-85)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, 137, stopped Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 129, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:35 of round one when Bramhald was cut after a clash of heads.

Inactive for three years, Phil Duckworth, Leeds, 144, outpointed substitute Bobby Welburn, Hull, 145, referee Keith Garner calling it 59½-58 after six. Duckworth was floored in the opening round.

Richard Wagstaff, Morley, 148, outpointed Graeme Griffin, Corby, 144, referee Vann scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Dave Kettlewell, Leeds, 147, beat Steve Harwood, Leeds, 146, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three after he had been down four times. Keith Garner, referee.
(09-23-85)



***Prince Rodney retained his British junior middleweight crown with a 12-round decision over a game Mick Courtney on the Isle of Man.***

▶**ISLE OF MAN—Palace Lido**—Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 153, retained his British light middleweight title by outpointing Mick Courtney, Chorleywood, 151, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 118½-116, over 12 rounds, indicating a victory of eight rounds to three, with one round drawn. Rodney thus won a Lonsdale Belt outright.

Rodney established a lead by neat boxing against a durable opponent who just wouldn't give up. The pattern was the same, round after round, with Courtney seemingly quite capable of going the distance, but way behind on points. All the drama was reserved for the last three rounds.

In the eighth round, Rodney looked a little slower, and by the tenth round, he looked downright weary. It was then that Courtney, realizing this was his big chance, took the fight to his opponent, who was forced on the defensive and looked a little desperate.

Round 11—Courtney mounting attack after attack, and Rodney, trying hard to punch back, only able to hold on against his stronger opponent.

Final session—and Courtney's supporters cheering like mad as they could smell victory. Rodney had virtually nothing left but his pride and his courage, but kept going heroically and managed to see the round through in spite of Courtney's all-out effort to land a finisher.

Rodney revealed afterwards that he had been suffering from influenza, which had interrupted his training, and which could have been responsible for his loss of strength in the closing rounds. If the fight had been over the old distance of 15 rounds, Courtney would have been the favorite to win. But it wasn't. It was over 12, and Rodney won fairly and squarely.

Out of the ring for a year, former British light welterweight champion Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 139, outpointed Lloyd Christie, Birmingham, over 10, referee O'Connell scoring it 99½-96. This was an official eliminator for the British light middleweight crown which McKenzie lost to Terry Marsh. Both had eye injuries which yielded to good corner treatment.

Neil Munn, Cardiff, 154, outpointed Paul Gamble, Norwich, 166, over six twos, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 59-58. Gamble was down briefly in the opening round.

Frank McCord, Swansea, 144½, beat Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 146, referee Hackett intervening at 1:57 of round three in a scheduled six. In the opening round, Allen was deposited on the bottom rope when the lights went out all over the arena. He had recovered by the time they came on again—roughly two minutes. However, in round three he sustained a cut by the right eye, and the bout was stopped.

John McGlynn, Swansea, 159, narrowly outpointed Theo Marius, London, 155, referee Hackett's card showing 59-58½ after six. Marius thought he deserved the decision, and left the ring when the verdict was announced, only to return almost immediately.

Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 142, outpointed Tony Adams, Brixton, 144, referee Hackett scoring it 79½-78 after eight. McKenzie was the busier and finished strongly.
(09-07-85)

▶**COVENTRY—Godiva Sporting Club**—Mark Poultney, Bedworth, 141, stopped Norris Dennis, Norwich, 139½, referee John Keane intervening at 1:40 of round two in a scheduled six twos with Dennis under pressure. Both were making their pro debuts; it was Poultney's first fight in three years.

Barry Ellis, Clapham, 205, floored Gypsy Carmen, Norwich, 203, *seven* times, but had to settle for a points win over eight twos, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79½-76.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 156, drew with Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 158, over eight twos.

Gary Champion, Norwich, 141, outpointed Wayne Poultney, Bedworth, also 141, over eight twos by a narrow 59-58½.

Joe Donohue, Walworth, 128, didn't lose a round outpointing Joey Dee, Alfreton, 129, referee Keane casting it 60-58½ over six twos.
(09-02-85)

▶**GATESHEAD—Leisure Centre**—John Westgarth, Newcastle, 209, kayoed Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 208, in 0:56 of round four in a scheduled 10. McCrory had been unbeaten in 13 fights.

The writing was on the wall in round three, when McCrory took a right to the chin which caused his knees to buckle. But he managed to survive until the end of the round.

Early in the fourth, McCrory took another hard right that sent him reeling backwards. Westgarth followed up, and landed another hefty right that put his opponent on his back. He was up, unsteadily, at nine. Referee Arnold Bryson looked into his eyes, and motioned the fighters to continue, but it was all Westgarth now, and after a battery of punches, down went McCrory again.

McCrory had not enough strength left to get up, and took the full count on his knees.

George Kerr, Dundee, 142, outpointed Junaldo Musha, Ghana, also 142, referee Fred Potter scoring it 59½-59 over six.

Both having had a long period of inactivity, Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 172½, drew with Dave Owen, Castleford, 168½, over six. Owen was down in round three from a right hand. Triallist referee Gerald Watson officiated in the ring, and referee Fred Potter scored it from outside.

Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 140, drew with Joey Morris, Manchester, 139½, drew over six twos. when they met before, Keers won on points.

Marvin P. Gray, Stanley, 127, stopped Anthony Wakefield, 129½, referee Gerald Watson intervening at 1:15 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Wakefield under pressure, but still upright.
(09-03-85)

▶**CAMBUSLANG—County Inn**—Alex Dickson, Larkhall, 138, made it five in a row by outpointing Junaid Musah, Ghana-born and Liverpool-based, 137¾, over six, referee Len Mullen adjudging that Dickson hadn't lost a round with a scoreline of 60-57. Musah was down briefly in round five.

Tommy Cooks, Larkhall, 140, outpointed Chris McCallu, Glasgow, 138½, referee Mullen casting it 79-77½, after eight twos.

Doug Munro, Glasgow, 135¼, outpointed Dave Smith, Smithfield, 137¼, referee Mullen's card reading 59½-58 after six twos.

Robert Harkin, Renton, 139, stopped Paul Wetter, Newport, 140, referee Danny McCafferty intervening at 0:32 in round four in a scheduled six twos after Wetter had been down and was handicapped by a closed left eye.

Paul Downie, Glasgow, 137½, stopped Willie Docherty, 140, referee McCafferty halting matters at 1:44 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Docherty had been down. Townie was fighting in his native Scotland for the first ime after four wins in America.

Debutant Steve Keirnan, Middlesbrough, 142, outpointed Carl Merrett, Newport, 141, referee McCafferty casting it 59½-58½ after six.
(09-09-85)

▶**LONDON—Wimbledon Civic Hall**—Coming back after seven months' inactivity, Steve Watt, Hayes, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing Ian Chantler, St. Helens, also 148, referee Bob Galloway scoring it 80-77½ after eight.

Lou Gent, Streatham, 177, stopped Harry Andrews, Birmingham, 174, referee Galloway intervening at 0:55 of round two in a scheduled eight twos after Andrews had been down from a left hook. When they met before, Gent won on points.

Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 138½, made it four in a row by stopping Wayne Poultney, Coventry, 136, triallist referee Tony West calling a halt at 0:35 of the opening round. Poultney had been down twice.

Tony Tricker, Norbury, 218, outpointed Al Malcolm, Birmingham, 216, over six twos, referee Jack Snipe scoring it a narrow 59-58½.

Referee Snipe cast a similar score to another close one, in which Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 152, outpointed Bobby Welburn, Hull, 147¾, also over six.

Dave Henderson, Peckham, 138, outpointed Gary King, Burnt Oak, 133, over four twos. Triallist referee Tony West officiated inside the ring, and referee Snipe scored it 39-38½ from outside.
(09-12-85)

▶**BLAENAVON—Leisure Centre**—Andy Williams, Newport, 135, outpointed Stuart Shaw, Nottingham, 133½, over eight, referee Adrian Morgan scoring 79½-76. Williams was down in round five from a right to the head, but quickly recovered. It was Shaw's first bout in two years.

Another who hadn't boxed in two years was Gary Gethin, Abergavenny, 163½, who outpointed Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 161¾, referee Morgan casting it 79½-77½ after eight twos.

Steve Davies, Pembroke, 154, outpointed Colin Neagle, Merthyr, also 154, over six twos by 59½-58 on referee Roddy Evans' card.

Debutant Keith Parry, Swansea, 138, outpointed J.J. Mudd, Liverpool, also 138, over six twos, referee Evans scoring it 59½-58. Mudd was down from a left hook in the opening round.

In a battle of debutants, Cyril Jackson, Hope, 166, stopped George Gray, Brixton, 167, referee Evans calling a halt at 0:55 of round three in another scheduled six twos.
(09-12-85)

▶**SWINDON—Link Centre**—Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 206, won the first-ever Screen Sport (Cable TV) heavyweight title by stopping Ian Priest, Alfreton, 219, referee Denzil Lewis intervening at 2:44 of round seven in a scheduled 10.

Noel Magee, Stoke, beat Dave Furneaux, Plymouth, 178, the bout being stopped at 1:45 of round three in a scheduled six twos with Furneaux under pressure.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 157, stopped Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 161, the intervention coming at 1:18 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos. It was Curtis' first bout in two years.

Debutant Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 150, won every round in outpointing Ned Newbold, Alfreton, 157, by 60-57 over six twos. Newbold was decked in round one by a left hook.

Brian May, New Cross, 134½, also won every round in outpointing Joey Dee, Alfreton, 128, over six twos by 60-57. Dee was floored twice in the opening round.

Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 170, kayoed Nigel Prickett, Plymouth, 171, in 0:15 of round two in a scheduled six twos.

Referee Denzil Lewis officiated in every bout.
(09-12-85)

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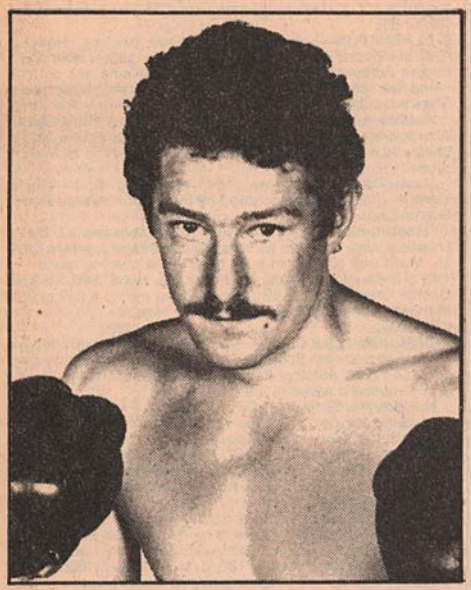

***British light welterweight champion Terry Marsh added another win to his record with an easy 10-round points win over Lee McKenzie in Manchester.***

▶**MANCHESTER—Free Trade Hall**—British light welterweight champion Terry Marsh won every round in outpointing Lee McKenzie, Croydon, over 10, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 100-95. When they met in 1983, Terry won an eight-rounder on points, but on this occasion he won much more easily. McKenzie was down briefly in rounds two and 10, but both looked more like slips than punches.

In round seven, referee Hogg called for more action from both men, but Marsh was in complete control, and there wasn't much McKenzie could do about it. Lee had been clamouring for a title shot, but it would be unlikely based on this performance.

Mike Whalley, Manchester, 125, won the vacant Central Area featherweight title by knocking out Les Walsh, Manchester, 124, in 2:45 of round nine in a scheduled 10. Both are managed by Jack Edwards, but being stablemates didn't prevent them putting up fine performances in an absorbing fight.

Inactive for six months, Eddie Smith, Manchester, 164, stopped Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 167¾, referee Harry Warner intervening at 2:18 of round one after Longsden had been floored four times—mainly from body blows.

Brian Roche, Bacup, 136, made it five in a row and kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Les Remekie, Leicester, 138, not losing one of the eight rounds, referee Hogg scoring it 80-77½.

Chris Little, Stockport, 175, outpointed Mark Walker, Leigh, 174, referee Warner casting it 59½-58½ after six.
(09-12-85)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 137¾, kayoed Junaid Musha, Ghana, 138, in 1:15 of round four in a scheduled eight. Scottish lightweight champion Boyle thus scored his sixth quick win in his last seven fights. Musha was counted out by referee Billy Rafferty as he was on one knee.

Dave Adam, Kirkcaldy, 127, took his undefeated run to eight by outpointing Stuart Carmichael, Hull, also 127, over eight twos, referee Rafferty casting it 80-78, indicating Adam hadn't lost a round.

Hussell Jones, Gilsach Goch, 131½, called on all his reserves ofcourage to outpoint Kris McAdam, Glasgow, 131¼, over six twos, referee Danny McCafferty scoring it 59½-58. Inactive for four years, Jones was floored by a left hand after only 15 seconds, but got up to fight back grimly, and gradually took over. McAdam was cut by the right eye, which didn't help his cause.

James McBride, Glasgow, 120, outpointed Terry Allen, Hartlepool, 120½, over six twos, referee McCafferty's card showing 59½-58.
(09-16-85)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Steve Harwood, Batley, 148, drew with Nick Harty, Southend, 147, over six twos. Harry Gibbs, referee.

Debutant Jim Beckitt, Woodham Ferrers, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing John Rix, Southampton, 147, referee Ricky Davies scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Gary Champion, Norwich, 146, outpointed Mark Simpson, Brighton, 142, referee Davies casting it a narrow 59-58¾ after six twos.

Marvin P. Gray, Wandsworth, 131, outpointed Chubby Martin, Islington, 130, referee Gibbs' card showing 59½-58½ after another six-twos. Gray was cut by the left eye in the opening round.
(09-10-85)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Sabiyala Diavilla, Zaire, based in Italy, 153½, defeated the formerly unbeaten Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 156½, referee Roy Francis intervening at 0:31 of round four because of an eyebrowcut that needed 18 stitches. Pyatt looked ahead at that point.

Vince Stewart, Highbury, 147, beat Gunther Roomes, Eltham, also 147, referee Francis intervening at 1:10 of round three in a scheduled eight twos after Roomes had been floored twice.

Peter Bradley, Glasgow, 135½, didn't lose a round outpointing Gary Flear, Birmingham, 136, referee Nick White scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Seb Solomon, Wolverhampton, 153, stopped debutant David Gray, Putney, referee White calling a halt at 1:00 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Gray had been down from a right.
(09-23-85)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—John McAllister, Port Glasgow, 148½, beat Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 146, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:37 of the eighth and final round with Bird under pressure. Bird had been down in round four from a left hook.

Danny Quigg, Paisley, 160½, made it five in a row by outpointing Seamus Casey, Alfreton, referee Mullen casting it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Drew Black, Coatbridge, 138, outpointed Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 133, referee Danny McCafferty calling it 60-58½ after six, indicating that Black hadn't lost a round. Keers was down in round two.

Debutant Young Garskey, Glasgow, 127½, kayoed Joey Dee, Alfreton, 130½, at the end of round four in a scheduled six twos, the count continuing after the bell had ended the round. A left hook did the trick.
(09-23-85)

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## JAPAN

▶**KUMAMOTO—City Gymnasium**—Hard punching Eiji Kikusaki, 136¼, went to his opponent's hometown and eked out a close majority decision over Akinori Yoshida, 139½, 10.

Scoring: referee Kuwata, 96-95; judge Makizumi, 97-96; judge Koike, 97-97.

The winner is ranked third in the junior welterweight class by the Japanese Boxing Commission.
(09-09-85)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—The finals of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournament in the Osaka district saw 11 winners.

Junior Flyweight: Katsumi Komiyama, 107¾, outpointed Tatsuya Yamada, also 107¾, six.

Flyweight: teruaki Miyasato, 111½, won from Takeshi Maeda, 111, six.

Junior Bantamweight: Akio Kawamata was named the winner, as his opponent was unable to enter the final.

Bantamweight: Seiichi Katayama, 117, stopped Toshiaki Okutani, 116¾, at 1:40 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Junior Featherweight: Mitsunobu Goda, 119¾, decisioned Yuzo Yamauchi, 122, six. Goda is handled by Yasuaki (Shinichi) Kadota, who challenged Antonio Cervantes in October, 1974.

Featherweight: Yoshiaki Uegaki, 126, polished off Tetsuya Kase, 124, at 2:22 of the first session in a scheduled six.

Junior Lightweight: Yoshitatsu Nakasato, 129¾, won from Tomoyuki Kenno, 130, six.

Lightweight: Yosuke Kubota, 133, outpointed Katsumi Nonoguchi, 134¾, six.

Junior Welterweight: Hironobu Ogiso, 139¼, scored an impressive TKO over Sadahide Yamane, 140, at 1:05 of the fourth canto in a scheduled six. Ogiso, coached by Tetsuo Adachi (trainer of WBC champ Jiro Watanabe), was named Best *Shinjin-o* Winner of the day.

Welterweight: Tadayoshi Kawasaki, 145¾, drew with Hideki Kanashiro, 147, six. The former was selected to proceed in the tourney against winners in the Kyushu district.

Middleweight: Masao Kuroda became the winner when his opponent withdrew from the competition.
(09-14-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—An eliminator to decide the new Japanese junior bantamweight champion took place due to Kazuo Katsuma's having relinquished the title.

Tadashi Maruo, 115, acquired the crown, as he swarmed over previously unbeaten Shunichi Nakajima, 115, weathered the latter's retaliations in the later rounds, and won a close but unanimous decision, 10. Scoring: ref Masakazu Uchida, 97-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 98-97; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-96—all for Maruo. The winner upped his log to 11-4 with 10 kayoes. Nakajima fell to 6-1 with five kayoes.

Tricky Kenji Ono, 108, the JBC's second ranked junior flyweight, proved a bit too ringwise for Masao Tanaka, also 108, taking a majority decision (99-97, 98-97 and 97-97), 10.

Ono had been ranked in the WBC's top 20 before his lopsided decision loss to 5'8" Chun Huh in Korea. Ono is now 13-8-2 with five knockouts. Tanaka fell to 6-6 with four kayoes.

Tiger Michigami, the JBC's tenth ranked featherweight at 130, was lucky. His opponent, Hirofumi Minami, 130, failed to answer the bell to begin the eighth and final round. It goes down as a TKO at the end of the seventh canto, but only because a very poor second splashed ammonia in Minami's eyes during the recess.

Tiger is now 9-5 with six kayoes. Minami is 3-5 with one kayo.

Hard hitting Bruce Kyoda, 130, drew with Wolf Sato, 129, eight.

Lanky lefty Takahiro Oda, 122, decisioned Takahiro Ito, 121¼, six. Oda, piloted by Takao Sasaki (handler of Kazuo Katsuma), is now 6-1 with three kayoes.

Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,500 (estimated).
(09-24-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The WBC light flyweight champ Jung-Koo Chang, Korea, was going to make a voluntary defense against an easy opponent—ex-Japanese flyweight boss Kazuyoshi Funaki. Fight people in Japan and Korea asked the WBC to rank Funaki in the top 10, but Funaki, 111¼, lost a hairline split duke to lefty trial horse Koji Nishikawa, 112, 10.

Funaki, a heavier puncher, won the first, sixth, and 10th frames big. Nishikawa's busy but light combinations won the other four rounds. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 96-95, Nishikawa; judge Masakazu Uchida, Funaki; judge Kazunobu Asao, 97-94, Nishikawa.

Korean impresario Ho-Yun Chun has decided to have Mexican Jorge Cano challenge Jung-Koo.

Nishikawa is now 12-4-1 with five kayoes. Funaki fell to 16-17-5 with eight kayoes.

Akira Tomonari, younger brother of ex-Japanese lightweight champ Hikaru, 134¼, scored a first round kayo over Masahiro Tsuda, 135, in 2:04 in a scheduled eight. Akira is now 2-0 with one kayo. The victim is 6-8-1 with four knockouts.

Masayuki Takahashi, the JBC's ninth ranked contender at 112, ran his unbeaten log to nine (with four kayoes), as he unanimously decisioned Masahiko Kubota, also 112, six.

Tatsuo Tanigami, 134, stopped Toshikazu Hiromoto, 136¼, with two knockdowns in 2:30 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Tatsuya Uesugi, 5'11" and 122, barely took a split duke over very awkward Hideaki Sato, also 122, six.

Naomi Toh, 134, lost a unanimous nod to Kimio Saotome, 132¾, six.

Shin-Nippon Saito and Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,600.
(09-26-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fast rising Kazuhiko Akira, 114¾, scored his 10th consecutive win by stopping Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 114¼, at 2:42 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Unbeaten Eiji Kimura, 152¾, landed a lethal right hook to the face of Takanobu Suzuki, 152, flattening him in 3:07 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Kimura, 12-0-1 with ten kayoes, will be a threat to Japanese champ Fujio Ozaki, the WBA's ninth ranked contender, provided that he masters defense. His power punching is terrific.

Masakatsu Sakuma, 119, landed many right crosses against Kojiro Kikuchi, also 119, copping a unanimous nod, eight.

Taichi Okada, 127½, halted Yasuo Ebihara, also 127½, at the end of the second round in a scheduled six.

Attendance—1,300 (estimated).
(09-27-85)

▶**TAGAWA CITY, FUKUOKA PREF.—Martial Arts Hall**—Local favorite Kazuo Kurahachi, 115, knocked out more experienced Tatsuya Sugi, 115, in 2:33 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Hideki Kanai, 127, Tokyo, scored a kayo over Seiji Maruyama, 123½, in 0:52 of the third session in their scheduled 10.
(09-29-85)

▶**OKINAWA—Onoyama Gymnasium**—Ex-Olympian Akinobu Hiranaka, 140½, engaging in his third pro bout, beautifully demolished Thai champion Thai Suracharern, 141, with a heavy combo in 2:05 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Hiranaka is now 3-0 with as many kayoes. A wicked left hook following an accurate right uppercut was the haymaker.

Shin Ito, 137¼, outscored Seikichi Miyagi, 140, in a supporting 10.

Naoyuki Iramina, 130, decisioned Satoki Suhara, 129, eight.

Former East-Japan Novice King winner Hideya Yamashiro, 135¾, won from Akihide Nishida, 135, six.

Attendance—2,600.
(10-02-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Clever but glass jawed Masahiro Tanabu, 139¾, regained the Japanese junior welterweight title with a close but popular unanimous decision over Katsunori Hokama, 139½, 10.

Tanabu, coached by ex-world junior lightweight champ Hiroshi Kobayashi, took a wicked right uppercut in the final session. There were no knockdowns, but it was an action fight. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 98-97; judges Takeaki Kanaya and Takeshi Shimakawa, both 99-98.

Tanabu is now 9-1 with four kayoes. Hokama is 7-2 with four kayoes.

Masahiro Takagi, the JBC's eighth ranked featherweight at 126¾, knocked out Ryu Jingo, 126¼, in 2:51 of the fourth round in the semi-final eight.

Takagi, previously beaten by Japanese champ Eijiro Kuruma, is now 17-6-3 with seven kayoes. Jingo is 6-6-2 with four knockouts.

Michio Kurosawa, 120¾, stopped Mitsuyuki Murakami, 122, at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,700 (estimated).
(10-03-85)

▶**TZUMI CITY—Civil Cultural Hall**—This card was held in commemoration of veteran Yohi Arai's recent retirement.

Arai, 37, finally hung up the gloves for good. His overall record was 28-28-4 with 12 kayoes. He won the Japanese middleweight crown by beating Michihiro Horihata in January, 1982, but lost it in his first defense to Katsuhiro Sawada three months later.

Arai, a beer-barrellekd bull fighter, was as likeable as Two Ton Galento.

In the main event, Michio Kawakami, the JBC's tenth ranked junior featherweight at 122, won a unanimous decision over Shotgun Suzuki, from Tokyo, 120¼, 10.

Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 97-94; judge Hiroshi Matsumoto, 100-94; judge Ichiro Uenaka, 99-94.

Before the main, Yohi Arai sparred three rounds with ex-Japanese middleweight champ Keitoku Senrima.
Attendance—700 (estimated).
(10-06-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Up-and-coming prospect Mitsuru Sugiya, 125, displayed fine combination punching to stop Takashi Komori, also 125, at 2:28 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Sugiya's left hooks were effective. The 21-year-old is now 17-1 with 11 kayoes. Komori, 25, is 8-3-1 with five knockouts.

Sugiya will meet Japanese champ Eijiro Kuruma in the forthcoming Carnival of Champions. It should be a sensational encounter.

Masayoshi Fujimoto (previously fighting as Gen Tosa), 132½, took the initiative and won a majority decision over Yoshinari Tanaka, also 132½, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and judge Masakazu Uchida, both 98-95; judge Shoji Nakamori, 97-97.

Fujimoto, a lefty ex-kick boxer, is one of the oldest active fighters in Japan. He is now 17-9-1 with six kayoes in international style fights. Tanaka dropped to 15-5 with six kayoes.

Hiroshi Miyamoto, 127¼, outscored Yoshito Kumakawa, 129¼, eight. The winner is now 5-1 with two kayoes.

Makoto Sawamura, 115, was kayoed by Toshimi Miura, also 115, in 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Shinji Ozawa, 115, stopped Mitsuo Tokumaru, also 115, at 1:39 of the fifth session in a scheduled six.

Co-promoted by Shin-Nippon Saito, Kimura, and World Sports Promotions. Telecast by Nippon TV.
Attendance—1,800 (estimated).
(10-14-85)

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## KOREA

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's eighth ranked junior welterweight at 147¾, extended his log to 37-1 with 32 knockouts. He kayoed Japanese Ryo Asuka, 150, in 1:07 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

Lee, unlike many Korean infighters, depends on hit-and-run tactics combined with excellent counters. Sang-Ho dropped Asuka with a sharp one-two in round seven, and soon had the Japanese on the deck again—unconscious. Asuka is now 8-8-3 with six kayoes.

Bong-Chun Park, 136, decisioned Sung-Tae Lee, 135½, eight.

Sung-Ho Lee, 123½, drew with Jung-Kuk Lee, 123¾, eight.

Wonjin Promotions.
(09-07-85)

▶**SEOUL—Waryong Gymnasium**—Byung-Soo Park, 127, caught Thai champ Doungdee Terdkiatphitak, also 127, and demolished him in 2:11 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Park raised his record to 16-1 with ten knockouts. The Thai loser is 12-2 with seven kayoes. He had been ranked first by the OPBF.

Rae-Ki Ahn, 112, kept his Korean flyweight throne with a unanimous nod over Suk-Bong Kim, also 112, 10. Ahn, the WBC's 11th ranked contender, is now 17-2-3 with nine kayoes. Kim fell to 11-5 with three knockouts.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 120, outscored Ji-Hong Kim, 119, eight.

Sang-Suk Bang, 119, decisioned Yong-Ho Kim, also 119, six.
(09-07-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—This was ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide the next challenger against WBA junior flyweight champ Joey Olivo. OPBF titlist Myung-Woo Yuh, 110, displayed fine defense and good body punches in disposing of formidable rival Oh-Kong Son, 110¼, at 1:38 of the seventh round in a scheduled non-title 10.

It was the Fight of the Month in Korea. In round two, Yuh connected with sharp lefts and rights, dropping Son twice. They mixed it up furiously, but the clever Yuh got inside of the wild puncher and soon weakened him. The fatal canto saw Yuh land a vicious left to the stomach to sink Son for the count. Myung-Woo, a good counterpuncher ranked fourth by the WBC, is now 18-0 with four kayoes. Son, the WBA's fourth ranked 108-pounder, is 18-2 with eight knockouts.

Jae-Mun Yuh, the Korean Commission's third ranked featherweight at 127, lost an upset nod to Byung-Soo Park, 127¾, 10. Yuh is now 14-3 with five kayoes. Park bettered his log to 10-2 with two knockouts.

Dong-A Promotions.
(09-08-85)

▶**CHOCHIWON—Chochiwon High School Gymnasium**—OPBF junior featherweight champ Yun-Kap Choi, 122, floored Filipino challenger Ernie Sanico, 121¼, in the seventh session and won a 12-round unanimous decision to retain his crown.

Scoring: referee Kang-Soo Kim, 119-100; judge Jae-Keun Kim, 119-100; Filipino judge Inksan, 115-114—all for the taller Choi.

Yun-Kap is now 17-3 with seven kayoes. Sanico is 14-3-2 with six kayoes.

Cho-Woon Park, Korean junior flyweight champ at 108, showed his ring experience and outscored highly expected hope Chun Huh, 107¾, in 10 frames to retain his crown.

Chun, a 5'8" unbeaten prospect, was rated 17th by the WBC due to a victory over Kenji Ono. He suffered his first setback against Park, dropping to 13-1 with nine kayoes. Park, a soft punching champ, is 14-1-1 with just three kayoes.

Palpal Promotions.
(09-21-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former Korean junior middleweight champ Jae-Hyun Yuh, 155, banged out Japanese Tricky Kawaguchi, the JBC's top contender, 154¼, at 2:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Yuh cut off the ring and caught his man with a barrage of punches. A towel was tossed in, as the loser hit the deck twice in the fatal session.

Saeki Promotions.

(09-22-85)

▶**CHUNGJU—Chungjuu Gymnasium**—Kyu-Woon Chun, 135, kept his Korean lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Dong-Koo Woo, also 135, 10. Chun, 23-2 with 13 kayoes, proved a little too strong for the hard punching challenger, who fell to 17-8-3 with 10 knockouts.

Soon-Jung Kang, rated by the WBC before his loss to Bi-Won Chung, 113½, outpointed Filipino Titing Dignos, 113, the GAB's top contender, eight.

World Promotions.
(09-22-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean junior lightweeight titlist Sung-Yun Kim, 130¾, had a tough time taking a close but unanimous decision over Mexican Donaciano Escamilla, 130, 10.

Donaciano, living in Japan under the name of Donny Yamashita, fought gamely despite a swollen right eye. Kim floored the Mexican with a roundhouse right in the fourth, deciding the contest.

Sung-Yun, a flat-footed puncher, is now 19-4 with eight kayoes. The loser is 17-4 with 10 kayoes.

Hyundae Promotions.
(09-24-85)

▶**BUPYUNG—Bupyung High School Gymnasium**—A double title card was the attraction.

Jae-Yong Hwang, Korean featherweight champ at 124½, outboxed and outmaneuvered more experienced challenger Chan-Jung Chun, 125¼, 10. Hwang, who lacks convincing power, is now 13-1 with just two kayoes. Chun, the former Korean junior feather kingpin, drops to 21-5-6 with 12 knockouts.

Korean junior featherweight champ Bong-Ho Choi, 122, lost his crown to Hyun-Sik Hwang, also 122, via an upset decision, 10. Hwang is now 9-1-1 with two kayoes. The dethroned champ is 6-3-1 with four knockouts.

Sangwon Promotions.
(09-25-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—A dual tenner was ballyhooed as the "Encounters of Rivals,".

OPBF featherweight champ Ki-Young Chung, 128, fought back from the third round on, and was awarded a unanimous decision over Sang-Yul Ahn, the IBF's fourth ranked contender at 127½, 10. Ahn seems to be in good shape, taking the first two rounds with his opening attacks. But Chung, the WBC's 1th ranked 126-pounder, retaliated with fast one-twos and solid body shots. Scoring: referee Chul-Hee Han, 98-93; judges Jae-Keun Kim and Chin-Un Chung 97-95 and 98-94, respectively—all for the OPBF champ. Ki-Young is now 28-3-2 with seven kayoes. Ahn impaired to 18-4-2 with six knockouts.

OPBF bantamweight champ Ki-Youl Kang, 120, was befuddled by the speed of Chong-Jin Chung, also 120, but the former's occasional right counters carried him to a majority decision, 10.

Chung, the Korean titlist, was penalized a point for butting in round eight. His corner strongly protested the decision. Scoring: referee Kang-Soo Kim, 98-96; judge Jae-Keun Kim, 97-94; judge Chul-Hee Han, 96-96.

Although the OPBF titles were not at stake, we must commend the Korean fistic fraternity's efforts to present good cards—cards that fight fans want to see.

World Promotions.
(09-28-85)

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# JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION

**(As of October 16, 1985)**

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Shinji Tojo
1. Keitoku Senrima
2. Mugen Kawasaka
3. Hiroshi Izumiya
4. Reishiro Tsuzuki
5. No Listing

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Carlos Elliott
1. Tricky Kawaguchi
2. Mitsuo Hatano
3. Hideo Kawamoto
4. Tadashi Maruo
5. Kenji Chinen

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Fujio Ozaki
1. Nobuyuki Tabata
2. Junya Kushikino
3. Eiji Kimura
4. Ryo Asuka
5. Masaharu Owada
6. Nobutaka Kuwata
7. Makoto Mochizuki
8. Akinori Yoshida
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Masahiro Tanabu
1. Takeshi Ishido
2. Akinobu Hiranaka
3. Katsunori Hokama
4. Eiji Kikusaki
5. Hikaru Tomonari
6. Ryutaro Otsuki
7. Seiji Kawa
8. Masaji Fujiwara
9. Kazumi Yokoi
10. Tatsuzo Nishiyama

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Cheyenne Yamamoto
1. Young Hideo
2. Eiji Okita
3. Hiroyuki Yazu
4. Junichi Misawa
5. Hiroaki Motohashi
6. Shark Ishihara
7. Makoto Ito
8. Akira Tomonari
9. Moriyoshi Miyagi
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Isaiah Ikhoni
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Masayoshi Fujimoto
3. Donny Yamashita
4. Koki Higashi
5. Koji Shimoji
6. Tiger Michigami
7. Naoyuki Iramine
8. Riki Kazushi
9. Satoki Suhara
10. Hirofumi Minami

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Mitsuru Sugiya
2. Yoshinari Tanaka
3. Tatsunari Hisashiro
4. Keiji Kawamura
5. Roberto Arredondo
6. Masahiro Takagi
7. Rusher Kawaguchi
8. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
9. Masashi Matsuura
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Osamu Kazuo
2. Satoshi Koguchi
3. Toshi Okuma
4. Mark Horikoshi
5. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi
6. Kaoru Yoshioka
7. Michio Kawakami
8. Eiji Oyama
9. Takashi Komori
10. Takeshi Mitsu

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mitsuo Imazato
1. Tadashi Shimabukuro
2. Koji Kobayashi
3. Norio Hasegawa
4. Hiroshi Yamamoto
5. Masakatsu Sakuma
6. Kazuto Kurahashi
7. Hideki Kanai
8. Shotgun Suzuki
9. Takashi Yokozeki
10. Breaker Taguchi

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tadashi Maruo
1. Kazuo Katsuma
2. Yoshiyuki Uchida
3. Shunichi Nakajima
4. Kazuyoshi Akira
5. Koichi Sugimoto
6. Mitsuru Arasaki
7. kentoku Nakama
8. Yoshio Mitsuboshi
9. Hiroaki Kato
10. Mutsuo Watanabe

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Shuichi Hozumi
1. Koji Nishikawa
2. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
3. Yukinari Oshiro
4. Masato Tanaka
5. Kenji Yokozawa
6. Masayuki Takahashi
7. Yoshikazu Kurashita
8. Shinichi Sugita
9. Tetsumi Takeshita
10. Miguel Nagashima

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tomohiro Kiuna
WR. Sendai Montiel
WR. German Torres
1. Yoshiaki Nojima
2. Kenji Ono
3. Kazuyoshi Funaki
4. Seiji Tomari
5. Jun Hoki
6. Hideyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yoshimoto
8. Rikuo Watanabe
9. Masato Kudo
10. Leopard Tamakuma

## PHILIPPINES

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Bert Lozano, the Games and Amusements Board's eighth ranked lightweight at 136, lost a unanimous decision to Albert Saxon, 134½, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Amado Cabato, Filipino number six featheweight at 129, chalked up a TKO win over Andy Saxon, 126, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Erbito Salavarria, ex-world flyweight kingpin, refereed.

Constancio Adangla, 113, unanimously decisioned Roger Pilapil, also 113, 10.

Bobby Castillo, 120, eked out a majority duke over Bert aragon, 120¼, 10.

Nilo Alamag, 131, stopped Baby Pio Kaki, 131¼, in the 10th and final round.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(08-02-85)

▶**MANILA**—Allan Allegria, 140, won the Filipino junior welterweight crown with a unanimous decision over Cisco Ferrer, the defending kingpin, also 140, 12.

Eugenio Nardo, Jr., the GAB's fourth ranked junior lightweight at 131, TKO'd Ador Sequin, 132½, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Mon Desoloc, 146, made his first defense of the Filipino welterweight crown with a victory over Fred Galang, 146, by disqualification in the eighth session of a scheduled 12.

Ariel Samson, the GAB's fourth ranked junior fly at 111, stopped veteran Mannaseh Base, 109½, in the sixth canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Manning Salvacion.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Romulo Santiago.

(08-03-85)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Veteran Ric Barimbad, 116, dropped a unanimous nod to Pat Bracero, 117, 10.

Jun Simbajon, one of the Simbajon brothers at 123, tabbed a fine fourth round TKO over Amiliano Alferez, 122, in the first 10.

Promoter—Antonio Almirante.

(08-03-85)

▶**TACURONG, SOUTH COTABATO**—Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's sixth ranked flyweight at 113, TKO'd Boy Lendez, also 113, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(08-04-85)

▶**ABATAN, BENQUET**—Little Puncher, 122, was awarded a split verdict over Rudy Palicua, 121, 10. Ambrocio Guanzo refereed.

Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.

GAB witnesses—Virgilio delos Reyes, Leonardo Trinidad.

(08-10-85)

▶**ASUNCION, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Gil Ragas, 118, made short work of Boy Posadas, 119, stopping him in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Teofilo Perote.

(08-14-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Having returned from his campaigns in Hawaii, Romy Navarrete, the younger brother of ex-WBC champ Rolando at 114, scored an important triumph over Filipino junior bantam kingpin Ruben dela Cruz, 115, in a non-title 10.

Ex-Filipino champ Jun Resma, 118, was held to a technical draw by Flash Emmanuel, also 118, midway in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Dolor, 114, won a split duke over Jun Tidalgo, 115, 10.

Promoter—Ricardo Mendez.

(08-17-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Rene Aroy, 130, won a unanimous decision over Nick Caputol, 130, 10.

Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.

(08-17-85)

▶**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Romy Cunanan, ex-Filipino champ at 131, TKO'd Boy Reyes, 130, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Another ex-Filipino champ, Mike de Guzman, 147, battled to a split draw with Willie Makitoki, 146, 10.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Carlos Roman.

(08-25-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Former OPBF junior bantam kingpin William Develos, 119½, showed his ringcraft in taking a unanimous verdict over Bobby Pinos, 120, 10. Major Deocariza refereed.

Louie Ilago, 131, won from Leonardo Calmona, 132½, eight.

Louie Gonzales, 112, was held to a split draw by Jun Cedeno, 112, eight.

Ronnie Vallescas, 109½, outscored Ric Santiago, 110, eight.

Pablito Lazola, 122½, drew with Rey Villaflores, 124, eight.

Willy Bernadas, 117½, won a technical decision over Leo Ero, 119, in the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Galorde Enterprises.

GAB witnesses—Emmanuel Flores, Romulo Santiago.

(08-25-85)

▶**LAPU-LAPU CITY**—Benjie Miole, the GAB's second ranked flyweight at 113, won a unanimous decision over Lord Esmero, 110½, 10.

Rey Tarrosa, 115, outscored Bert Baco, 113, 10.

Promoter—Roberto Edillo.

(08-25-85)

▶**COTABATO CITY**—Young Abloyan, 125, unanimously decisioned Edgar Apatan, 126, 10.

Carlos Parcia, 143, scored a TKO over Winnie Guinita, 142, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

Sil Arcillas, 135, TKO'd Joe Brown (not Old Bones), 135, in the fifth stanza of the first 10.

Promoter—Natividad Cabreros.

(08-25-85)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—William Belan, 110, tabbed a ninth round TKO over Edwin Inocencio, also 110, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Neptali Bokingo.

(08-25-85)

▶**STA. QUITERIA, NOVALICJES**—Amado Cabato, 126½, overwhelmed Rudy Cabiles, 124¼, from the start and finished him in the second canto of a scheduled 10.

Prooter—Antero Velandria, Jr.

(08-30-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Bernabe Aliping, 128, defeated Diego Lebante, 127, by a unanimous decision, eight.

Ray Valentino, 113¼, TKO'd Mark Camacho, 112, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Romulo Santiago.

(08-31-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Dionisio Castillo, the GAB's third ranked welterweight at 140¾, fought to a split draw with Bert Lozano, 139, 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Pablo Pepito, 123, stopped Nelson Alipitan, 125, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10.

Tacy Macalos, 110, halted Ed Adame, also 110, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Dante S. Almario.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Roman.

(08-31-85)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Mac Espanola, 121, barely won a split decision over Allan Makitoki, 119, a good left hooker previously rated in the WBC's top 20, 10.

Jojo Cayson, 130, unanimously decisioned Flash Ursus, 130, 10.

Promoter—Roberto Yabut.

(08-31-85)

▶**LAPU-LAPU CITY**—Titing Dignos, 112, won a unanimous nod over Flash Calonia, also 112, 10.

Promoter—Emmanuel Carupio.

(08-31-85)

With great thanks to the Games and Amusements Board.

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## THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—After a long lay-off, Suban (Kongpanyamo) Mugangsurin, 138, made a fine comeback and defeated heavy favorite Pansaknoi Kiatkisorn, 137, the Thai Commission's third ranked lightweight, six. Thanks to this important victory, Suban was rated second by the TBC in the 135-pound division.

(09-02-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Another upset. Vibul Kiatsoros, 120, the TBC's top flyweight contender, hit the deck and lost an unexpected decision to Thanonsak Singboba, the number six junior bantam at 119, six. Singboba looked sharp.

(09-03-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—It may seem strange that a boxer in the mini-flyweight class (the limit of which is 104 pounds) would weigh in at 117, but Eak Donjadee, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight, came in at 117 and lost a decision to young Parjaob Sorthanikul, also 117, six.

(09-05-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Narongthavat Nabumrung, 112, finished Pudpad Sithcula, an old soldier at 108, in the second round of a scheduled six. Nabumrung belongs to the Chitalada camp.

(09-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In the daytime card for Channel 7, Thai flyweight kingpin Nongberd Naphataya, 114, halted unknown Chuphan Sorphayathai, also 114, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Usually, an international style fight is put on in the midst of eight or ten *Muay-Thai* (national pro kick-boxing) matches. Many Thai youngsters with *Muay-Thai* experience make debuts in six-round bouts. Some have been successful; others just return to *Muay-Thai*.

In the night card, Kairung Sithpayak, former Thai mini-flyweight champ at 111, amazed the crowd with a very quick stoppage of Prontip H. Mahachai, also 111, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(09-14-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Unbeaten lefty hope Samart Payakarun, the WBC's 10th ranked super bantamweight, ran his unbeaten log to 9-0 with four kayoes, as he halted Chor Hhaphalang, the TBC's second ranked featherweight, midway in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

(09-15-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samkan Chuvatana, 119, the TBC's fifth ranked bantamweight, won a split decision over Korean Kwang-Soo Kim, also 119, 10. Samkan is now 6-1 with four knockouts.

(09-04-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petch Saknarong, the TBC's 10th ranked junior flyweight at 114, disposed of Thaveechai Narachavat, 115, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

(09-16-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sritanya Sithsaneh, ex-Thai junior flyweight champ at 114, lost a decision to Nakrach Kiatsonthaya, the number nine junior fly at 114, six. Sritanya continues to lose.

(09-17-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Rising hope Chokchai Kiatvichiar, the TBC's sixth ranked flyweight at 109, failed to score with his vaunted punches, losing an upset decision to speedier Thongtong Chor Saunanan, 108½, six.

(09-18-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Busy campaigner Suban Muangsurin, 139½, fought just 17 days after his last bout, stopping Kolyuth Pornpanthumnu, 138, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(09-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Prayunsak Muangsurin, 119, the youngster who scored an upset win over ex-WBC champ Chul-Ho Kim in October, 1983, made a comeback and scored a third round knockout over Songkiatnoi Chor Chutirat, also 119.

(09-20-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top flyweight contender at 114, eked out a split decision over Kiatniyom Lookarkasyotin, also 114, six.

On the night card, Downmai Sithkodom, 120, finished Manuschai Wongprasert, 118, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(09-22-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saipha Sorthnikul, 122, landed a southpaw left to kayo Saksing Singkrungthon, 125, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(09-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai mini-flyweight champ Patt Ohyuthnakorn, 106, polished off kriengsak Yuthakiat, 108, in the second round of a non-title six.

(09-24-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, the number six flyweight at 114½, won a unanimous decision over Kiatichai Kiatsonthaya, 114, six.

(09-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's fifth ranked junior bantam at 119, proved too strong and powerful for Pornmongkol Sithkodome, 117, stopping him in the third round of a scheduled six.

(09-26-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, the TBC's top bantam contender at 121, took three rounds to demolish unknown rival Nongsanti Lookkulab, 124, in a scheduled six.

(09-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakad Petchyindee, the TBC's top lightweight contender at 138, scored another first round kayo over Sinsamth Porchaivat, 137, in a scheduled six.

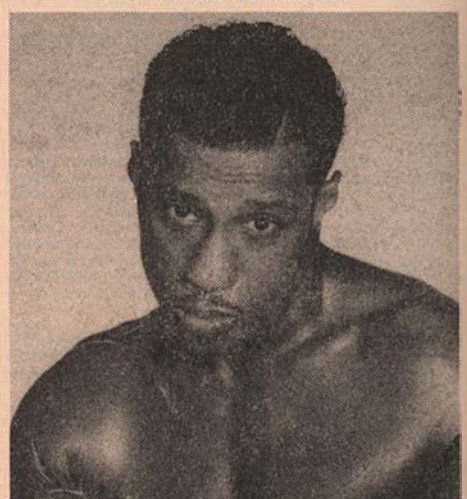
(09-30-85)

**JOE KOIZUMI**

# PAN PACIFIC

## AUSTRALIA

### NEW SOUTH WALES



***Former IBF lightweight champion Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown got off to a flying start as a junior welterweight, icing Australian champion Pat Leglise in the third round of their match Down Under.***

▶**SYDNEY—Hordern Pavilion, Sydney Showground**—Australian junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise, 138½, headlined against former IBF lightweight champion Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 139, in a televised bout that was to give Pat his big chance.

After a feel-out round one, Leglise took charge in round two, winning it comfortably. "I can beat this fellow," said Pat in his corner at the end of the round. "Don't take any risks," warned his trainer, Peter Fuller.

The third round was going the way of the second, but Pat became careless. His left hand was lowered; his jaw was a perfect target. Brown did not miss. His right boomed over. That right knocked out Leglise. He was unconscious on his feet when the following left deposited him on the canvas. Referee Bruce McTavish, a New Zealander who lives in the Philippines, counted the dismal decimal.

As Leglise sat on the canvas some seconds after the count-out, his trainer kneeling behind and holding him, over the air waves came the recording: "Chatanooga Choo Choo."

In the 10-round main support, Musa Sione, 137½, who came to Australia from New Zealand more than a year ago, battled Filipino Lito Pena, 138. It was fighter (Sione) versus boxer. Good bout that ended in a three-way draw. Tony Rok was the non-scoring referee.

Over eight, Graeme Looker, 149½, came from the brink of defeat—down, almost out—in round one to outpoint Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, surprisingly light at 148. Austin, former holder of three Australian titles, was not as fit as Looker. That made the difference. Split decision, two for Looker, one for Austin. Johnny Wright was the non-scoring ref. This bout and the Sione-Pena contest each received a shower of notes and coins from ringsiders.

Former Australian junior lightweight champion Brian Schofield, 134, making a comeback after 21 months out of action, lost on points to smart-boxing Norm Stevens, 134½, eight. Stevens found the openings; Schofield was rusty. Clear-cut unanimous decision to Stevens. Brian McMahon refereed.

Tall Percy Israel, 131½, met swift-moving Rodney Bowman, 126¼, over eight in another boxer vs. fighter bout. Split decision to Israel, who decked Bowman in the first round. Brian McMahon refereed. An action contest, one that could go on again.

Bill Mordey and his Superstar Promotions promoted the show. Sponsored by Tooheys beer, televised by the Channel 9 network.
(09-20-85)

▶**LEUMEAH—Campbelltown Leagues Club**—Paul Toweel, 156½, was too good for Shaun Gray, 162, in their scheduled 10-rounder. Gray fought well until Toweel took charge. From then on, it was a matter of time, Toweel halting Gray in round eight. John Cauchi refereed.

Over eight rounds, Rudy Derno, 205¼, had a workout at the expense of Tua Sagana, 179¾, a game rooster who went all the way.

Tony Adcock, 154¾, stopped Robbie Fowler, 145½, in round two of a scheduled four-rounder.

Shane Grant, 155½, halted Sugarboy McGuiness, 153¼, in the last round of a scheduled three.
(09-18-85)

## QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian welterweight champion Brian Janssen, 147¾, had far too much on the ball for Japan's number one welterweight contender, Nobuyuki Tabata, 146½. After dominating the action all the way, Janssen knocked out Tabata in round five.

Tabata came here with a reputation of being a puncher. His blows did not worry Janssen, who walked through them. In round five, a right to the jaw sent Tabata staggering into a corner. His back hit the ropes and he fell flat on his face. He was up just before the 10, but referee Alan Moore waved it over and crowned Janssen.

Australian junior featherweight champion Mark Cribb, 127, drew with Russell Finn, 129, over eight rounds. It was a fast and good fight that received a shower of notes and coins. Denzil Creed was the non-scoring referee. Decision was split, two judges carding it even, one going for Finn by one point.

Alec Tui, 164, outpointed Fijian Lorima Niumataiwalu, 165, over eight slugging rounds. Tui came on to put the decision beyond doubt in the last two rounds. Unanimous decision.

Over six, Roy Saunders, 129, outpointed John Gardiner, 132.

Ricky Palmer, 150, outpointed Robert Smith, 154, four.
(09-30-85)

## VICTORIA

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Australian Graeme Brooke, 137, former Commonwealth lightweight champion, met American Sammy Johnson, 132½, in the 10-round main-event, and the local came through with a points win.

Referee Gus Mercurio scored 98-94, judge Malcolm Bulner 97-93, but judge Bryan Membrey carded it even, 96-96. A good fight. the American party thought that Johnson had been robbed, but good judges stated that Brooke won without doubt, though he was extended.

Paul Delosa, 139, outpointed Phil Miller, 138¾; Ken Carter, 141¼, KO 3 Nick Fletcher, 137; Nick Hatzil, 140¾, KO 6 Pat Mudford, 137½, in scheduled six-rounders.

Charlie Clarke, 162¼, outpointed Mark Bateman, 159, four.

Dan McMurray, 150½, kayoed Roger Moore, 140¼, in the third and final round.
(09-08-85)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—It was a strange match to make: Canadian Tony Pep, standing 73 inches, versus Australian junior-lightweight champion Tony Miller, 64 inches tall. Weights were close, Pep 126¾, Miller 125¾, but that nine inches in height looked strange. Yet it was an interesting contest.

The only really unsatisfactory aspect of the encounter was the receipt of the decision to Miller. Judge Johnny Wheeler carded 97-94 in favour of pep; judge Gus Mercurio saw it 96-95, Miller; judge Bryan Membrey scored 97-94, Miller, so Miller won by majority decision. However, many believed that Pep should have received the decision (I did not see the fight, so cannot offer my opinion). Some good judges believed that Pep edged it. Pep's manager, however, caused a lot of Pep sympathy to go the other way with his vitriolic manner.

Malcolm Bulner was the non-scoring referee.

In the 10-round main support, Australian heavyweight champ Dave Russell, 202¾, halted Daniel Saylor, 194, in the second round because of a cut eye. However, Russell was well in charge and probably would have stopped Saylor without the eye-cut.

In another 10, Graeme Looker, 151½, outpointed Robbie Nava, 149, unanimous decision.

Six rounders: Peter Gillespie, 173½, outpointed Peter Clay, 175¼; Wilf Gentzen, 145¾, outpointed Ronald Doo, 146. (Gentzen, former amateur champion of Australia, is going places.) Vince Cervi, 175¾, halted veteran Paul Donnelly, 190¾, in one.

Super Star Promotions, with Cos Sita at the helm.
(09-13-85)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Australian heavyweight champion Dave Russell, 191½. Kavanagh was decked twice and referee Johnny Wheeler stopped it in round four.

Over eight, fast-moving Rodney Bowman, 126¼, outpointed puncher Marty Feighan. Bowman had to pick himself off the floor along the way.

In another eight, Flash Chisango, 176½, of Zimbabwe, outpointed Peter Clay, 173.

In yet another eight, Ken Carter, 138¼, outpointed Bill Stevanovski, 126¼.

In a six, Paul James, 163½, outpointed Vince Cervi, 172¼. what was James doing in a six? He is highly rated among Aussie middleweights, though he was over the middle limit in this one.

Action Promotions, headed by Dave Welling.
(10-04-85)

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Function Centre**—Australia has a new middleweight champion. Ugandan Emmanuel Otti, who came to Australia by way of Greece some time ago and won the Australian title last year, blew his crown to Western Australian Lou Cafaro. The decision was split.

Otti is by far the better boxer, but Cafaro was aggressive and fitter. He took over around the half-way mark and did not let up. But Cafaro may not be champion for long. He has lost two of his 10 fights, being stopped by Paul James and Geoff Kanofski.

Laurie Flanders was the non-scoring referee of the Cafaro-Otti title tilt. Cafaro scaled 158¾, Otti 158.

In an exciting 10-rounder, the Western Australian State junior welterweight title changed hands with a points victory for Tony Jones, 136½, over Mick Rowley, 137½. Rowley took two counts but fought back strongly. Nevertheless, Jones got on top and won—clearly by one judge, narrowly by another, with scores even by the third. Large shower of notes and coins for a terrific fight.

Derek Arnold, 146½, stopped Alan Mosley, 156½, in round four of a scheduled eight as Mosley's nose was bleeding profusely. Nevertheless, Arnold was well in charge.

Lorne Lehmann, 135¾, won a split decision over Tony Cafaro, 139¾, brother of the new champ, six.

Joe Fazio and Barry Britton promoted.
(09-21-85)

**RAY MITCHELL**

# WORLD RATINGS
# BY THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION
### (As of November 4, 1985)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
1. Gerrie Coetzee (South Africa)
2. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
3. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
4. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
5. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
6. Greg Page (U.S.)
7. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
8. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
9. Mitchell Green (U.S.)
10. Jeff Sims (U.S.)

**JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (U.S.)
1. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
5. Piet Crous (South Africa)
6. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
7. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
8. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
9. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
10. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
3. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
4. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
5. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
6. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
7. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
8. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
9. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
10. Gary Hubble (Australia)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (U.S.)
2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. James Shuler (U.S.)
4. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
5. John Collins (U.S.)
6. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
7. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
8. Don Lee (U.S.)
9. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
10. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mike McCallum (U.S.)
1. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
2. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
3. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
4. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
5. David Braxton (U.S.)
6. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
7. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
8. Davey Moore (U.S.)
9. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
10. Sean Mannion (U.S.)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
2. Harold Volbrecht (South Africa)
3. David Hilton (Canada)
4. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
6. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
7. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
8. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
9. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
10. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ubaldo Sacco (U.S.)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
3. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
4. Brian Baronet (South Africa)
5. Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
6. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
7. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
8. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
9. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
10. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dom. Rep.)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
4. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
5. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
6. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
7. Tsuyoshi Hamada (Japan)
8. Rafael Williams (Panama)
9. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
10. Orlando Romero (Peru)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
1. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
2. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
3. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
4. Isaiah Ikhoni (Japan)
5. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
6. Rod Sequenan (Philippines)
7. Tomas Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)
8. Geronimo Luquez (Argentina)
9. Brian Mitchell (South Africa)
10. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
1. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
2. Baby Joe Ruelas (U.S.)
3. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
4. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
5. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
6. Danilo Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
7. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
8. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
9. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
10. Tommy Cordova (U.S.)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Leonardo Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
3. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
4. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
5. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
7. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
8. Valerio Nati (Italy)
9. Sumransak Muangsurin (Thailand)
10. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Richard Sandoval (U.S.)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
3. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
8. Benito Badilla (Chile)
9. Simon Skosana (South Africa)
10. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
3. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
4. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
5. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
8. Bualuang Sanganoi (Thailand)
9. Miguel Perez (Colombia)
10. Wongso Indrajit (Indonesia)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hilario Zapata (Panama)
1. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
2. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
3. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
4. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
5. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
6. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
7. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
8. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
9. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
10. Rafael Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Joey Olivo (U.S.)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
3. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
4. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
5. Tomohiro Kiuna (Japan)
6. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
7. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
9. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
10. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)

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**(As of November 1, 1985)**

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Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Larry Holmes (U.S.)
2. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
3. Greg Page (U.S.)
4. Carl Williams (U.S.)
5. Trevor Berbick (U.S.)
6. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
7. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
8. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
9. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
10. David Bey (U.S.)
11. James Broad (U.S.)
12. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
3. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
7. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
8. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
9. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
10. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
11. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
12. Leon Spinks (U.S.)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
3. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Prince Mama Muhammad (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
8. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
9. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
10. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
11. Junior Edmond (U.S.)
12. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)

**SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
2. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
3. Murray Sutherland (U.S.)
4. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Don LaLonde (Canada)
7. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
8. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
9. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
10. Poncho Carter (U.S.)
11. Joe Louis (U.S.)
12. Marvin Mack (U.S.)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. James Shuler (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. John Collins (U.S.)
5. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
6. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
7. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
8. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
9. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
10. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
11. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
12. Herol Graham (Great Britain)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
1. Davey Moore (U.S.)
2. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
3. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
4. David Braxton (U.S.)
5. Mark Medal (U.S.)
6. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
7. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
8. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
9. Ken Shannon (U.S.)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
11. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
12. Troy Darrell (U.S.)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Simon Brown (U.S.)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
6. Jerome Kinney (U.S.)
7. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
8. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
9. David Hilton (Canada)
10. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
11. Bobby Joe Young (U.S.)
12. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
1. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
2. Akio Kameda (Japan)
3. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
4. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
5. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
6. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
7. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
8. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
9. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
10. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
11. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)
12. Frankie Warren (U.S.)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
3. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
4. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
5. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
7. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
8. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
9. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
11. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
12. Robin Blake (U.S.)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry Michaels (Australia)
1. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
2. Jin-Sik Choi (Korea)
3. Lester Ellis (Australia)
4. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
5. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
6. Bobby Chacon (U.S.)
7. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
8. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
9. Mark Fernandez (U.S.)
10. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
11. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
12. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
1. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
2. Richard Savage (U.S.)
3. Kwon Churl (Korea)
4. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
5. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
6. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
7. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
8. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
9. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
10. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
11. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
12. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)

**JUNIOR FEATHEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
6. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
7. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
8. Juan (Kid) Meza (U.S.)
9. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
10. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
11. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
12. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
3. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
4. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
5. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
6. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
7. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
8. Sam David (U.S.)
9. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
10. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
11. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
12. Toshiyuki Nakagima (Japan)

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Shinobu Kawashima (Japan)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
4. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
5. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Wong Soo Indrajit (Indonesia)
8. Tae-Yul Suh (Korea)
9. Edel Geronimo (Philippines)
10. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
11. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
12. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soon-Chung Kwon (Korea)
1. Chong-Kwan Jung (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Jae-Honz Kim (Korea)
4. Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
5. Henry Brent (U.S.)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Allan Makitoki (Phillipines)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
10. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
11. Yuenyong Sitprasong (Thailand)
12. Antoine Montero (France)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
1. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
2. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
3. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
4. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
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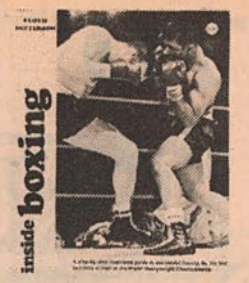


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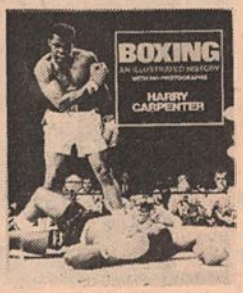


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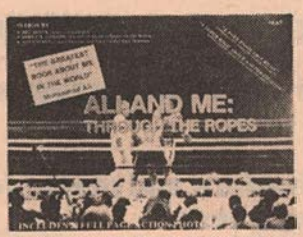


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Lee Roy Murphy KO12 Chisanda Mutti (Retained IBF Title)
Sammy Reeson W12 Stewart Lithgo (Won Vacant British Title)
Evander Holyfield KO5 Jeff Meachum
Carlos Hernandez TD2 Marc Fichtner (For Vacant New Jersey State Title)
John Odhiambo W8 Winston Allen

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Eddie Davis Wdis W6 Arthel Lawhorne
Freddie Guzman W10 Mike Sedillo
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Eric Holley KO3 Reggie Neal
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Mark Kaylor KO8 Errol Christie
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Mick Mills KO3 Seamus Casey
Hugh Kearney W8 Sidney Outlaw
Tony Montgomery KO6 Ismael Negron

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Allen Braswell W10 Floyd Peavy
Mark Breland KO2 Donald Gwinn
Veabro Boykin KO2 Louis Mateo
John Munduga W10 Dexter Smith
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Kelly Koble TW3 Roman Delgado
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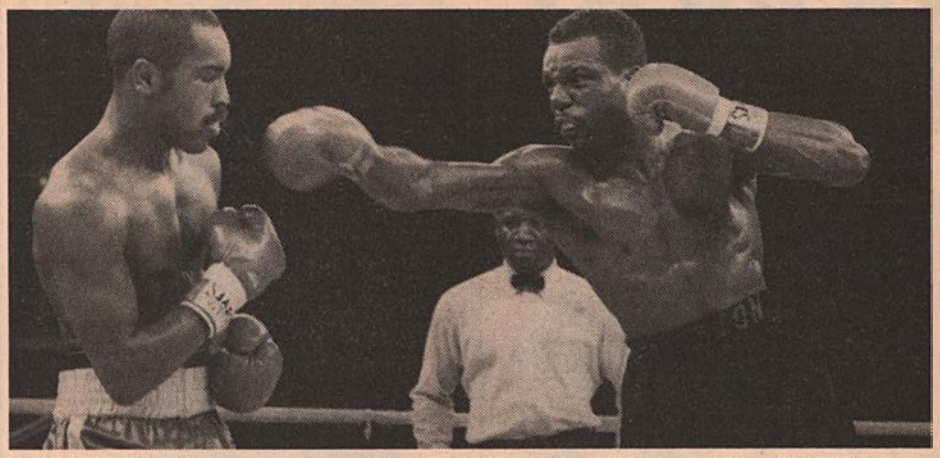

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*Gary Hinton (right) snaps a southpaw jab into the face of Darryl Fuller on his way to winning the Continental Americas junior welterweight title in Atlantic City.*

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello KO5 Pat Jefferson
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Jesse Lopez KO5 Pat Duran
Juan Ramon Santana W12 Jamie Ollenberger
Howard Davis, Jr. KO4 Sammy Matos
Gary Hinton W12 Darryl Fuller (Won Continental Americas Title)
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Angel Cruz W12 Ricky Young (Retained New York State Title)
Harvey Hester KO4 Cornelius Drane
Patricio Oliva W8 Steve Mitchell
Mohammed Kawoya W8 Mike Harris
Dave Guerra W8 Kenny Lane

## LIGHTWEIGHTS
Terrence Alli KO10 Erskine Wade
Greg Haugen KO6 Chris Calvin
Meldrick Taylor KO4 Carlos Santana
Tsuyoshi Hamada KO1 Suwarno Perico (Retained OPBF Title)
Gert Bo Jacobsen KO2 Jose Antonio Garcia
Mike Durvan KO9 Steve Griffiths
Clifford Gray KO6 Richard Laster
Jose Santana KO4 Rudi Alpizar
Monty Sherrick W8 William Martinez
Dean Marsden KO6 Muhammad Lovelock

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Roger Mayweather W10 Mario Martinez
Brian Mitchell KO12 Jacob Morake (Retained South African Title)
Donald Caples W10 Darrell Savoy
Keith Stevenson W10 Shelton LeBlanc
Gino Gelormino W10 Elijah Muhammad
Jean-Marc Renard KO5 Vicente Macias
Najib Daho W10 Kevin Pritchard
Floyd Favors KO2 Louis Vicioso

## FEATHERWEIGHTS
Antonio Rivera KO5 Irving Mitchell (Won Vacant Continental Americas Title
Calvin Grove W12 Dana Roston (Retained USBA Title)
Jim McDonnell KO4 Jose Luis Vicho (Won Vacant European Title)
Adrian Arreloa W10 Arnel Arrozal
Gary Nickels KO1 Steve James
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## JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Victor Callejas KO6 Loris Stecca (Retained WBA Title)
Ramon Cruz W12 Manuel Miranda (Won Vacant Puerto Rican Title)
James Pipps W10 Carmelo Negron
Valerio Nati W10 Ruben Dario Palacios
Luigi Camputaro W8 Juan Muriel

## BANTAMWEIGHTS
Richard Sandoval W10 Diego Avila
Freddie Jackson TD2 Frankie Duarte
Albert Davila KO6 Eleoncio Mercedes
Ciro De Leva W12 Alain Limarola (Retained European Title)
Edgar Monserrat W10 Rafael Orono
George Garcia TW8 Louis Hernandez
Billy Hardy KO7 Keith Wallace

## FLYWEIGHTS
Jung-Woo Chang W12 Jorge Cano (Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)
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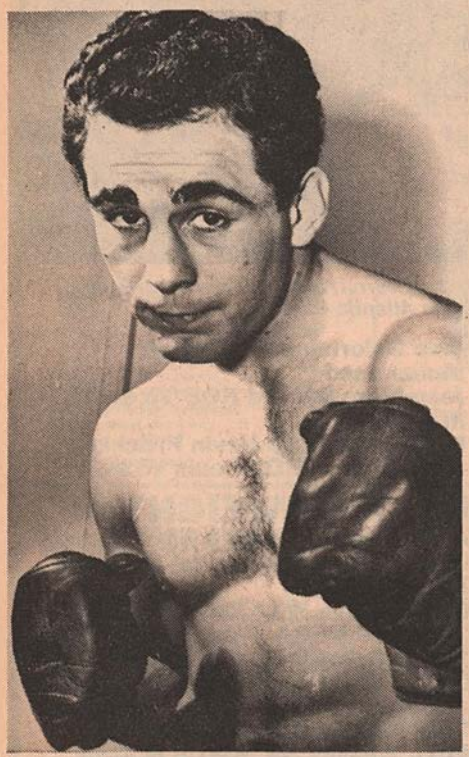
Hermogenes Murillo W10 Victor Sierra

# VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by CHARLIE SPINA



## Allie Stolz

THE NATIONAL VETERAN BOXERS ASsociation held their 23rd Annual Convention and Testimonial Banquet at the Mount Airy Lodge in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. The three day affair was hosted by Ring 20 of Hudson and Bergan Counties of New Jersey. Folks came from all parts of the eastern seaboard to honor: Bernie Manhoff, past president of the NVBA, Chuck Wepner, former heavyweight who fought Muhammad Ali, Emile Calcagni, former middleweight contender during the 1930s, Phillip Vasta of Ring 20, and IBF president Bob Lee. A nice gathering was on hand and a fine time was had by all. Members of the convention committee were Molly Forman, Audrey Jones and Rebecca Manhoff.

ALSO IN OCTOBER, FORMER LIGHT heavyweight champion Archie Moore was honored at a testimonial dinner in San Diego, California. The occasion marked the 50th anniversary of his emergence as a fighter. The gala event was held in conjunction with the Southern California "Boxer of the Year" awards. Many of the top boxers from the past were in attendance, including Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Joey Maxim—the man Moore defeated for the title in 1952. Archie, who was elected to *The Ring*'s boxing Hall of Fame in 1966, still holds the all-time record for knockouts (130) by a boxer in any division. It is one sporting record that is never likely to be broken.

RING 101 OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, held their 13th Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame Awards ceremony in October at the Martin's West banquet club in Baltimore. An SRO crowd of 800 were on hand to see the induction of: Sid Berstein, Don Braun, Buddy Brown, Frank DeAngelo, Nick Longo, John Marron, Bunny Nevin, Izzy Rainess, and Buddy Sauerhoff. Also honored was Nick Bass, knockout artist of the 1920s. A special award was bestowed on Tony Enzenga. Needless to say, president Al Salkowski was very pleased with the highly successful affair.

I JUST FINISHED READING *YOUNG Rocky*, the true story of Attilio (Rocky) Castellani, the former middleweight contender of the late '40s and '50s. The book was written by Joe (Sarge) Kinney and Adolph Caso. The boxing biography is published by Branden Co. of Boston and is available by writing to Mr. Kinney at 3645 Kim Terrace, Virginia Beach, Virginia. I enjoyed the heartwarming and exciting tale and recommend it to all lovers of the Sweet Science.

FORMER BOXING GREAT ALLIE STOLZ, dubbed the "Uncrowned Champion" of the lightweights during the 1940s, was recently honored at a dinner-dance at the Greenwood Manor in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Allie fought all the good featherweights and lightweights of his day, including six champions. He only lost 10 bouts in an 81 fight pro career. The Hoboken scrapper lived in Harrison and Newark, New Jersey for many years. He is now 67 and resides in Neptune, N.J. Several former top fighters such as Willie Pep, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Chuck Wepner, Tippy Larkin and Billy Graham attended the dinner.

THE VETERAN BOXERS ASSOCIATION, Ring 21, of Brooklyn, held their annual dinner-dance at Micali Terrace in Brooklyn. The honorees of this affair (their 25th) were: Joe Mulli, Manny Dizon, Augie Palleschi, Ceasar Manfredi, George Mickel, and Dr. Emanuel Amoury. Special awards were made to Frank X. (Joe Ryder) Garguillio and Ray Sepulveda. Chairmen Johnny Mayo and Joey Agro are to be commended for this wonderful affair.

A TRIBUTE WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER to honor New England boxing legend Rip Valenti at the Colonial Country Club in Wakefield, Mass. Among those who came to honor Rip, 84, were: Sugar Ray Robinson, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Willie Pep, Carmen Basilio, Sal Bartolo, Paul Pender, Joe DeNucci, Tommy Collins and Boston Bruin ice hockey star Bobby Orr. Valenti started his career as a manager in 1920 and became a matchmaker/promoter in 1933. His Goodwin Athletic Club has been a hallmark of boxing for the past 50 years.

THE LAST ROUND: BARNEY FELIX, 78, of Park Ridge, N.J., who refereed the first Ali-Liston fight, died September 30, 1985. Felix was a referee for more than 40 years . . . Sam Rose, 90, passed away on August 9, 1985 at the Hackensack Medical Center in New Jersey. Sam was the manager of many Jersey fighters such as Al Rossi, Freddie Fiducia, Maxie Fisher, Tex Gonzales, and Paul Cortlyn, among many others. He was a leading handler of boxers for over 50 years . . . Irv Silverman, former fighter and secretary of the International Veteran Boxers Association and Ring 30, Westchester County, recently passed away at his home in the Bronx, New York . . . Barney, Sam and Irv, Rest In Peace. □

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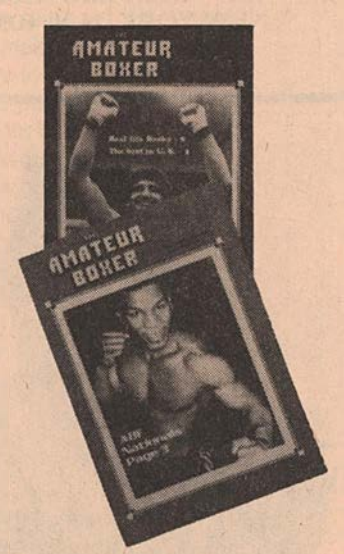


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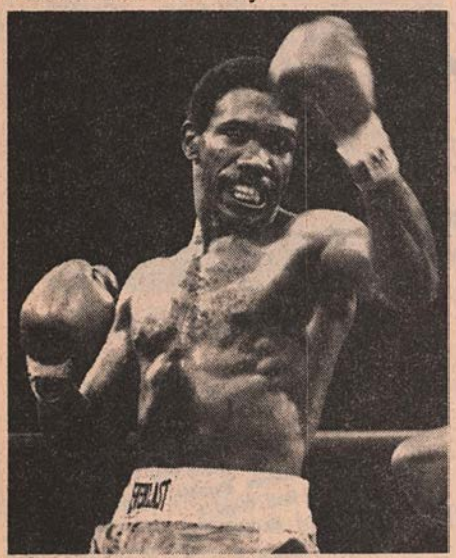
### *FOR BARRY McGUIGAN*
***WBA featherweight champion***

**Q:** Considering the troubled political situation in Ireland, was it a tough decision for you, as a Catholic, to marry a Protestant?

M.McA., BOSTON, MASS.

**A: I love my wife very much and it has never mattered to me what she is. I only wish to God everybody else thought the same and there would be no more trouble in this country.**

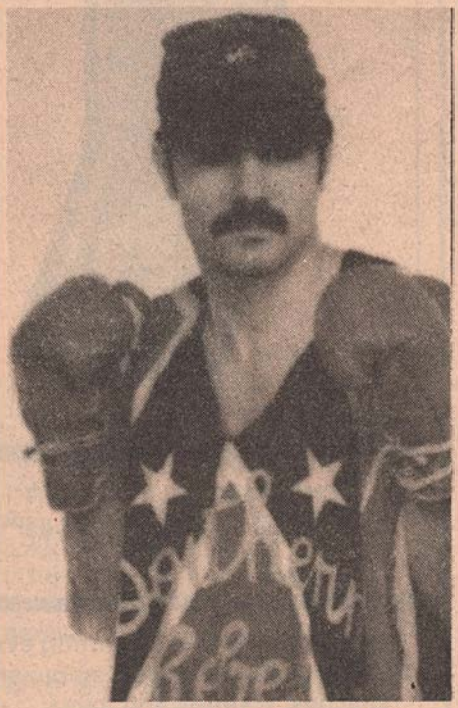


### *FOR HOWARD DAVIS*
***Lightweight contender***

**Q:** I read that you recently returned to action with a win over an unranked fighter named Sammy Matos in a high school gym, somewhere in New Jersey. How come you're no longer fighting contenders on television?

W.M., LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

**A: Definitely, my career has not gone the way I planned. I've had some bad, bad luck and some bad management. But if you look back, you stay back. I'm in the process of rectifying that. I've still got a hunger for success.**



### *FOR CHRIS CALVIN*
***Lightweight prospect***

**Q:** You call yourself the "Southern Rebel" and often enter the ring wearing a Confederate flag. Does this mean you are against blacks and other minorities?

T.W., NASHVILLE, TN

**A: No, it's just a way of standing up for the south. Nothing is meant by it, like the KKK or anything.**

### *FOR AZUMAH NELSON*
***WBC featherweight champion***

**Q:** You looked sensational knocking out Pat Cowell. Do you think you could do the same thing to Barry McGuigan?

S.T., ALBANY, N.Y.

**A: He (McGuigan) would not go four rounds with me. I'm too strong. I'll fight him anytime, anywhere.**

### *FOR LARRY HOLMES*
***Former world heavyweight champion***

**Q:** Now that some time has passed and the heat of battle cooled, how do you feel about your post-fight comments after your loss to Spinks?

K.M., NEW YORK, N.Y.

**A: I made a fool of myself. I tore down one of the greatest fighters of all time. What can I say other than I'll try to make up for it. I hope the (Rocky) Marciano family can find it in their heart to forgive me.**

### *FOR HARRY ARROYO*
***Former IBF lightweight champion***

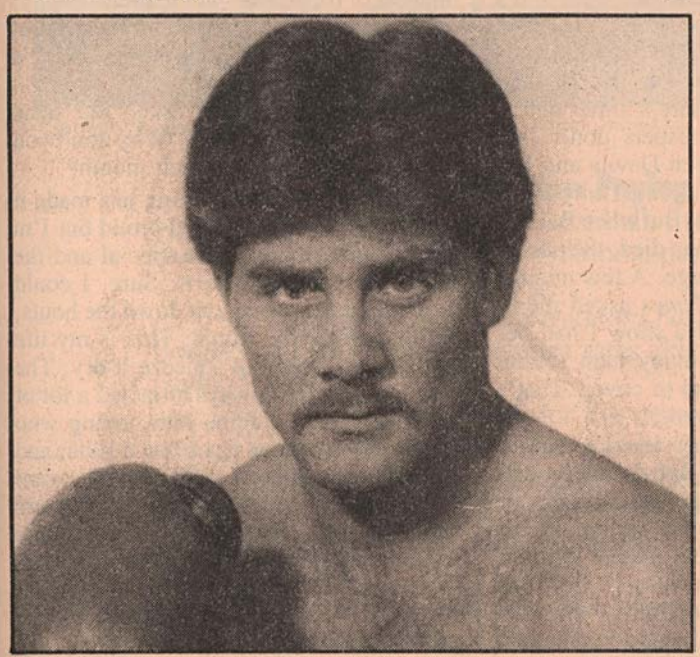
**Q:** I'm a big fan of yours and I was shocked to see Sammy Fuentes knock you out on TV. How do you feel about being stopped twice in a row?

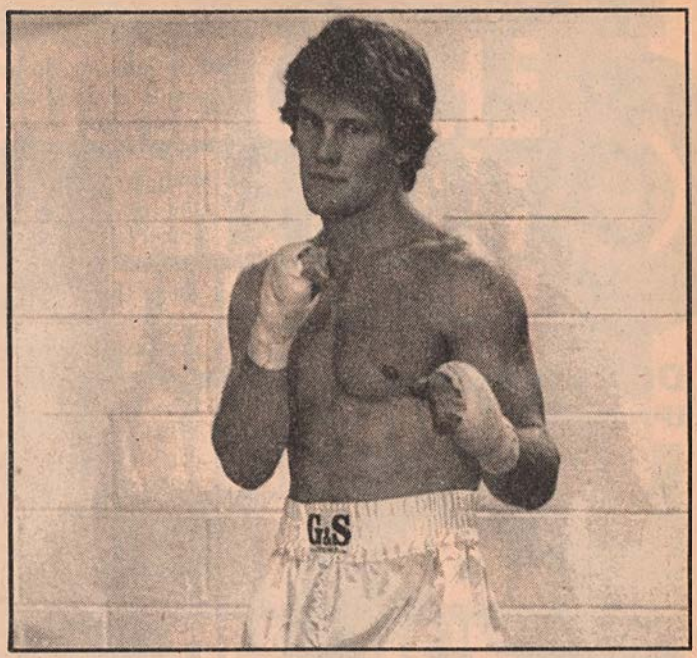
T.D., YOUNGSTOWN, O

**A: Maybe it's just the way of God telling me to give it up and that's what I'm going to do. Winning a world title was the dream of a lifetime that thousands and thousands of boxers dream of. I've been there, and I'm perfectly satisfied.**

## *GORDON COX*
## *LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT*

SO FAR, BOXING HAS BEEN A SUCCESS STORY FOR Gordon Cox. He has beaten all 10 of his pro opponents, eight via kayo. But at 28 years of age, Cox's greatest—and to date undefeated—opponent is Father Time. Although the Fort Worth, Texas light heavyweight doesn't want to be in the fistic business forever, while he's in it, he wants to win and make a bundle of money. Cox realizes that a boxer doesn't have to be king of his division to make a decent dollar . . . "You don't have to be champ to make money. I'm sure (Robin) Blake has made more money than (Gene) Hatcher because he's had the right fights." . . . The right money fights could be just around the corner for Cox—providing he continues to win. His manager, Dave Gorman, has been known to arrange a few healthy paydays for his boys . . . Although professional boxing is a recent career move for Cox, boxing is not. While playing high school football in his hometown of Kermit (pop. 8,015), Gordon injured his leg. Always accustomed to being in top physical condition, he decided to throw punches to stay in shape. However, he ended up reaping more than good health. First, Cox won the high school Golden Gloves. He continued on to win the AAU regional, eventually advancing to the state championship where he fought James Kinchen. The pinnacle of his success in the amateurs was boxing in the National Golden Gloves, losing on a butt . . . Cox's world does not completely revolve around the ring. He and his wife, Cindy, enjoy waterskiing, camping and hiking. But his main interest is not earth bound. Christianity is very important to Cox, who is the son of a Baptist preacher . . . "People think Christians are pansies and wimps. I'd like to change that." His master plan for changing this perception is to work with youth, setting a Christian example and, of course, teaching them how to box . . . One thing about boxing that gripes Cox are fans who boo fighters. Gordon says that the point is not if the fighter is good or bad. The mere fact he's in the ring commands respect . . . "A guy couldn't whip my grandmother, but if he steps through the ropes, he's got guts." □





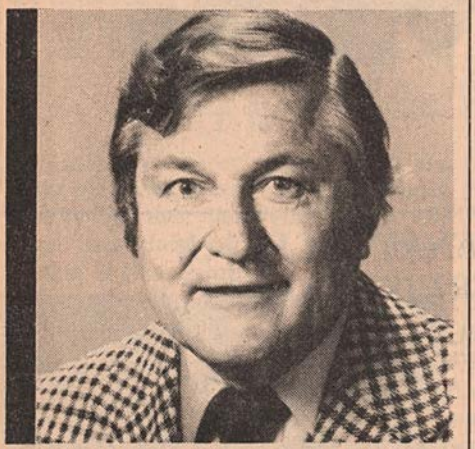

## *HENRY MILLIGAN*
## *CRUISERWEIGHT*

WHEN HENRY MILLIGAN LOST TO MIKE TYSON IN THE semi-finals of the 1984 Olympic Trials, most folks thought the likable young man from Wilmington, Delaware would forget about boxing. He has a civil engineering degree from Princeton University and certainly doesn't need to fight in order to make a good living. But boxing has a way of getting in the blood, and Milligan decided to take a plunge and turn professional under the guidance of manager Charles L. Messina. So far, he's been a roaring success, winning his first six bouts, all via the quick route. Milligan wasted no time developing a following with his exciting brand of slugging. His all-out attack features a powerful overhand right, and even the most cynical observers have to admit that Henry is never in a bad fight. His first four bouts were held at the Brandywine Club in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, and drew SRO crowds. Although he has since graduated to casino venues in Atlantic City, his supporters have followed him by the busload. In fact, the eleven busloads of Delawareans who showed up at Resorts International for Henry's fight with Felix "Catman" Shorter (KO2) set a record of sorts . . . "I think the old record was six busloads to see Kenny Bogner when he was hot in 1982," said Lee Samuels of Top Rank Inc. Despite his popularity and winning record, Milligan faces some tough problems as he advances up the fistic ladder. While he is extremely strong and built like an NFL fullback, Milligan is short and usually gives away both height and reach. His chin is also suspect. During his amateur career, Henry was stopped by Tyson, Henry Tillman and Cuban ace Aurielo Toyo. In the pros he was dropped by Mike Haris, but showed plenty of resiliency, bouncing back to score another knockout victory . . . "Henry looks easy to hit, like a big fastball," says Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler. "But when you go to hit him, you get cracked." It will take more time and more fights before we know just how far Milligan's punch and aggression can take him. But in the meantime, promoters can be assured of a good house and a lively rumble whenever he's on the bill. □

# IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

## DON FRASER
### (Promoter)



THERE WERE TIMES WHEN LOS ANgeles boxing promoter Don Fraser thought of finding a different occupation. There were lean time when Fraser dreamed of playing the saxophone in a Dixieland band. And sometimes he thought of opening a neighborhood tavern. Fraser, 57, is a stout and shrewd man, with a wife and three daughters, and if he had to, he would have peddled washing machines at Sears to get by. But Fraser was meant to be in the world of boxing, destined to be—and even when he thought of opening a taproom, the first thing he wanted to do was fill the walls with photographs of great fighters.

While most promoters talk endlessly, Fraser measures his words carefully. His manners and soft, shy voice seem out of place in the sport of nosebleeds, yet Fraser is one of the most influential figures in the game today. He has worked on almost 100 world title fights, promoted countless shows over three decades, and though he does not have any network executives wrapped around his pinkie, his reputation is clean.

"I've done all right," Fraser says, with a small smile, "and I've learned to respect the customers. It's not enough to love the game, you also have to respect the customers. Putting on fights is my job, it's my blood and my bread and butter. If the fans are jumping up and down then I know I made a good card and I feel I've accomplished something. I don't ever want to be one of those promoters who goes into the main event praying it will save the rest of his show. I don't want to make lousy fights and then hope the main event will save my ass. Few promoters last very long. They come and go, lose their money, but when the fans get cheated it hurts everyone in boxing."

The son of a Scottish cotton merchant, Fraser was raised in central Los Angeles. When he was 10, he heard a radio broadcast of the second Louis-Schmeling fight, and the memory is still vivid in his mind. After high school he joined the Army and went out for the boxing team. He had five fights, lost them all, and gave up a career in the ring. While at L.A. City College he worked for *Knockout Magazine*, and later wrote a boxing column for the late Los Angeles *Mirror*. He managed a few fighters, worked as a matchmaker, and in 1956 became publicist for the Hollywood Legion Stadium. Don went on to promote at the Forum and Olympic Auditorium, and in 1981 was appointed Executive Officer of the state athletic commission. A year and a half later, he resigned and returned to promoting.

"Once boxing was a big thing in L.A.," Fraser says, "and all the papers gave it tremendous coverage. The sports writers all followed the sport and a big fight was major news then. There wasn't a basketball team, and two football and baseball teams in the city years ago. There was only boxing. And it really meant something to be a world champion then because there was just one champion in each division. Now there's three and it isn't as special. Newspapers don't care about boxing now. When Davila and Bejines fought for the title it rated only a few lines the day of the fight. But when Bejines went into a coma and then died, the papers gave it immense coverage. A few months ago the Los Angeles *Times* asked me to phone in the results of a show I had because there were too many high school football games they had to cover. That's how things have changed."

By nature, Don Fraser doesn't want to be another Don King or Bob Arum, though he might have felt the temptation once or twice. He works well with both men, but he has kept his business almost entirely in California. Over the years, Don has promoted some terrific fights—the Ali-Norton II, Olivares-Chacon, Olivares-Castillo, and Zarate-Zamora.

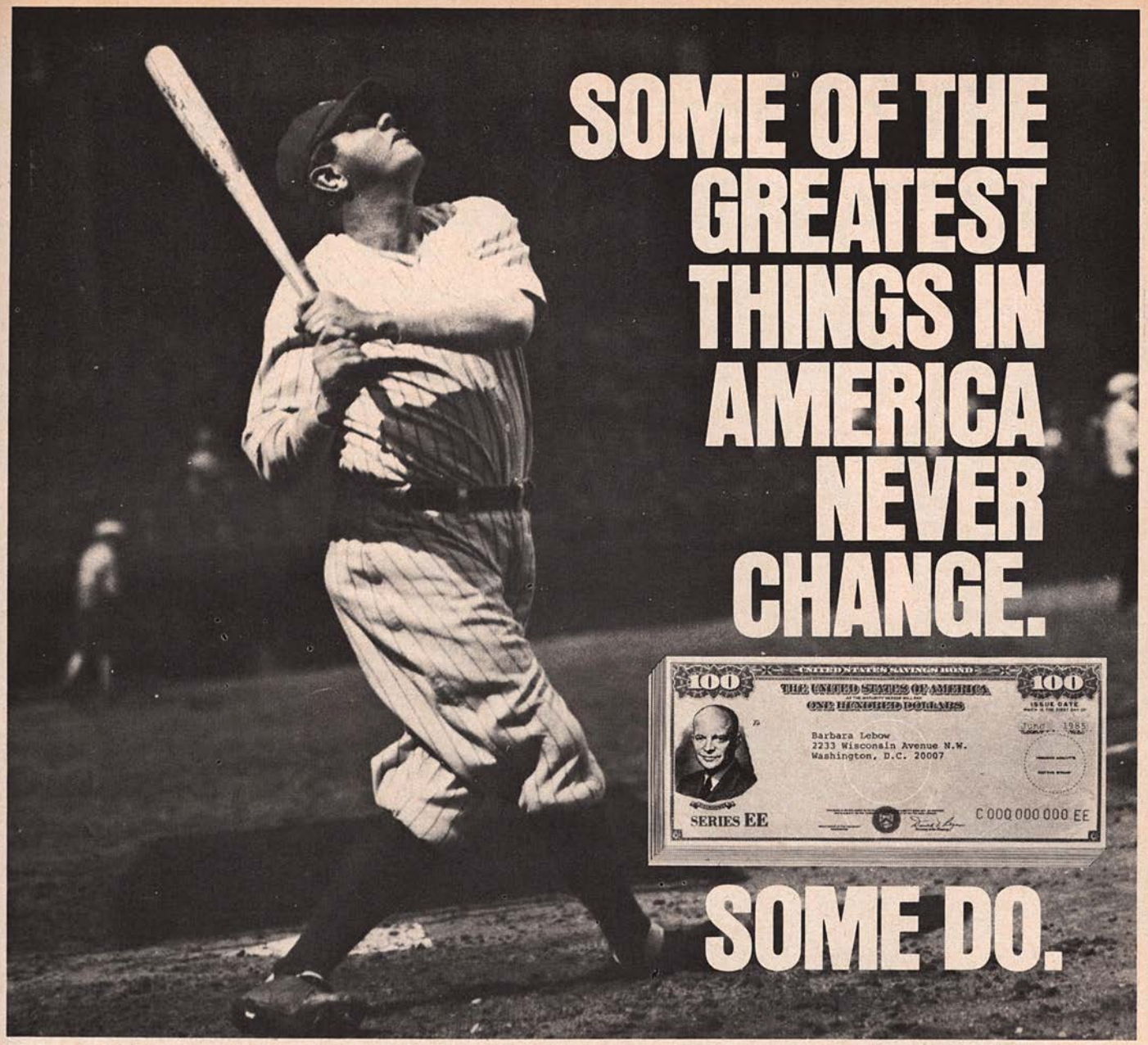
This past year, Fraser came up with something that he admits surprises him greatly—and a lot of other people as well. As boxing was going into a swoon in L.A., Fraser looked elsewhere. Finally, he made a deal with the Marriott Hotel in Irvine, Orange County, to stage monthly boxing shows in the hotel's ballroom. A conservative suburb 20 miles south of the city, Irvine seemed to be one of the least likely places for boxing. The first card was a sell-out, and nine subsequent cards have all drawn capacity, or near-capacity, crowds.

"I'd have to say it was a shock," Fraser says softly. "We had to turn people away. The hotel people are happy because their restaurants and bars are all packed from 5 o'clock on. These are mostly family people, much different than the usual fight crowds. I don't use much local talent so I don't have to worry about getting the 'house fighters' a guaranteed win—which means putting on mismatches. I plan for eight or nine bouts and if one or two fall out, I don't have to worry because the fans aren't going to get shortchanged. Most of the fighters are different on every card, and if the customers aren't very knowledgeable about the sport, so what? They come out to watch good fights and they cheer for both fighters."

The crowds at the Marriott have been called Yuppies—a pack of tame, investment-minded squares, with middle-class values, who sport foreign cars and designer clothes. Lord knows what a Harry Greb or Mickey Walker would have thought of them. They may not be rowdy, and only a few smoke cigars, but prizefighting has found a home and it's prospering.

Don Fraser has been asked the same question a hundred times: "Why don't you put on a couple shows each month?"

"I like seeing how boxing has made it in Irvine," he says. "I feel proud but I'm not going to spoil it. It's special and the people look forward to it. Sure, I could raise the ticket prices, cut down the bouts, but that would be stupid. This is my life and I'm not going to squeeze it dry. The boxing game has always attracted a lot of dreamers. People come into boxing who know nothing about it, or just a little, and they try to be promoters. Maybe they want to be part of the excitement. They are pulled in by a dream, and they'll stay around until they go broke. That's boxing. I've lasted in it, my girls grew up knowing all about the sport. I just happen to feel good about what I do." □

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